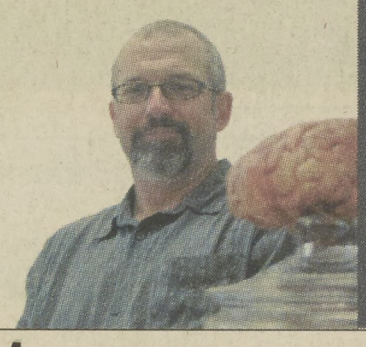
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Gonzalez endorsed red-list hunts

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In an effort to build a major wildlife museum, President Alexander Gonzalez wrote letters to help local hunters Paul and Renee Snider obtain a license to hunt 82 species that were not covered by a standard Tanzanian hunting license – some of the requested animals are considered high risk for extinction and are on the red list, according to a report by the Sacramento Bee.

The red list, compiled by the Species Survival Commission, contains those animals most in need of conservation attention. In 2003, most of the species requested were not on the red list.

Snider told the Bee he didn't know that the species were on the list.

In a 2004 letter to Emmanuel Severre, director of Wildlife in the Ministry of Natural Resources in Tanzania, Gonzalez requested that the Sniders be given a special license to hunt the red-listed animals. He wrote that the animals and the museum would "be used for the instruction and edification of our own students, school children in our region, and citizens of the Sacramento area." The Bee obtained the letters.

In May, the Hornet reported that the Sniders would likely include their collection of East African animal skins in the proposed museum.

In a meeting to discuss plans for the new science center, some faculty members questioned the importance of an East African collection. In addition, others felt the museum's collection methods were potentially unsuitable.

"There had been controversy for many years," said Nick Ewing, chair of the biological science department. "The department had discussed whether the university should accept the collection at all."

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Student offers cheating services on Craigslist

BY LACEY WAYMIRE
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Want your math homework done for you?

That's the headline in one Sacramento State student's ad on Craigslist, a website for free classified ads. A small handful of other Craigslist ads promises to deliver English and foreign language papers for $10 to $20 per page.

According to Sac State's academic honesty policy, cheating is defined as "obtaining or attempting to obtain credit for academic work through the use of any dishonest, deceptive, or fraudulent means." Punishments for cheating can range from a verbal warning to losing your degree.

Craigslist allows posters to remain anonymous. The Internet even has prewritten research papers on nearly every

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ASI gets pay raise for officers

BY ANDRES PEREZ
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Associated Students Inc. has implemented two major changes as 14 of its student board members voted to not only change the way ASI executives are compensated but the amount, as well.

Last year ASI executives paid themselves through stipends.

In May, however, they voted to give themselves awards via scholarships. This adjustment was made due to a discrepancy in how the board operated.



Christina Romero

ASI Executive Director Pat Worley said the board was no longer in compliance with certain laws.

"We realistically found we were not meeting all the requirements of exempt employee status for our board of directors...we needed to stop and recognize that in reality, we didn't have them classified correctly," Worley said, " We weren't managing that in line with current state and federal regulations."

Worley assists ASI with managing student life and service programs, as well as advising them on a multitude of issues. She does not, however, have the power to vote on legislation.

ASI non-board members are paid hourly, however board members do not fit the criteria of an hourly employee.

"When we look at the types of behavior behind an hourly wage employee, you have a direct supervisor... they punch in, they punch out," Worley said. "When you look at characteristics of an hourly wage employ-

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Tau Kappa Epsilon participated in last week's Recreational Sports' dodgeball tournament in the Hornets Nest. The newly reinstated organization hopes to participate in many of this year's activities.

TAU KAPPA EPSILON RETURNS

BY NATALYE CHILDRESS SMITH
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After being suspended for more than a year, Sacramento State fraternity Tau Kappa Epsilon is back on campus with a reorganized membership and a new purpose.

The fraternity's chapter, Theta-Upsilon, was suspended in spring 2006 for a then unspecified amount of time.

Reasoning behind the suspension varied; some members simply did not meet eligibility requirements. Additionally, one fraternity member said the chapter was brought under university scrutiny because of rumors that it was rushing non-Sac State students.

"In the past you were allowed to rush guys from the JC," Rush Chair Cole Leonardo said.

Ultimately, the alumni suspended the fraternity due to low grades, Chapter Adviser Vartan Vartkessian said.

TKE has a past history of suspension, which includes various noise complaints from neighbors.

The chapter is the only fraternity on campus to have a house, which is located on Sierra Boulevard off of Arden Way. The neighborhood is within county jurisdiction which is why the city-wide ban on fraternity and sorority houses does not apply.

During its period of suspension, TKE was restricted from campus participation and activities, but still met on a regular basis. Leonardo said they took that time to work on their house, perform community service and rewrite and redefine the chapter's purpose on campus.

"It basically...was like a restructuring, because it cut out all the social, fun stuff the university gives you access to," President Austin Hicks said.

During the time in which the fraternity was suspended, members were quick to point out the distinction between suspension and overall removal.

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Fee increase considered

BY MICHAEL SPITLER
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California State University students are once again facing the prospect of a 10 percent fee increase, after receiving a reprieve last year.

Last Thursday, California Faculty Association President Lillian Taiz, CFA Vice President Kim Geron and CFA Communications Director Alice Sunshine held a conference call. During the call they discussed the budget problems that continue to plague the CSU system and what actions they think the CSU Board of Trustees will take.

Ever since student fee increases were implemented in 2003, the cost of tuition has gone up almost 100 percent, Geron said.

Taiz said the CSU's budget continues to be less than it was five years ago.

"Back in 2002, our budget took a half billion dollar hit," Taiz said. "Here we are in 2007 and we still haven't been able to recover."

A fee increase was averted last year through a fee buyout, when the governor added $54.4 million to the CSU 2006-07 budget, said Sunshine. She said a buyout might be proposed by the Trustees for this year, too.

Taiz said only the Trustees can approve student fee increases.

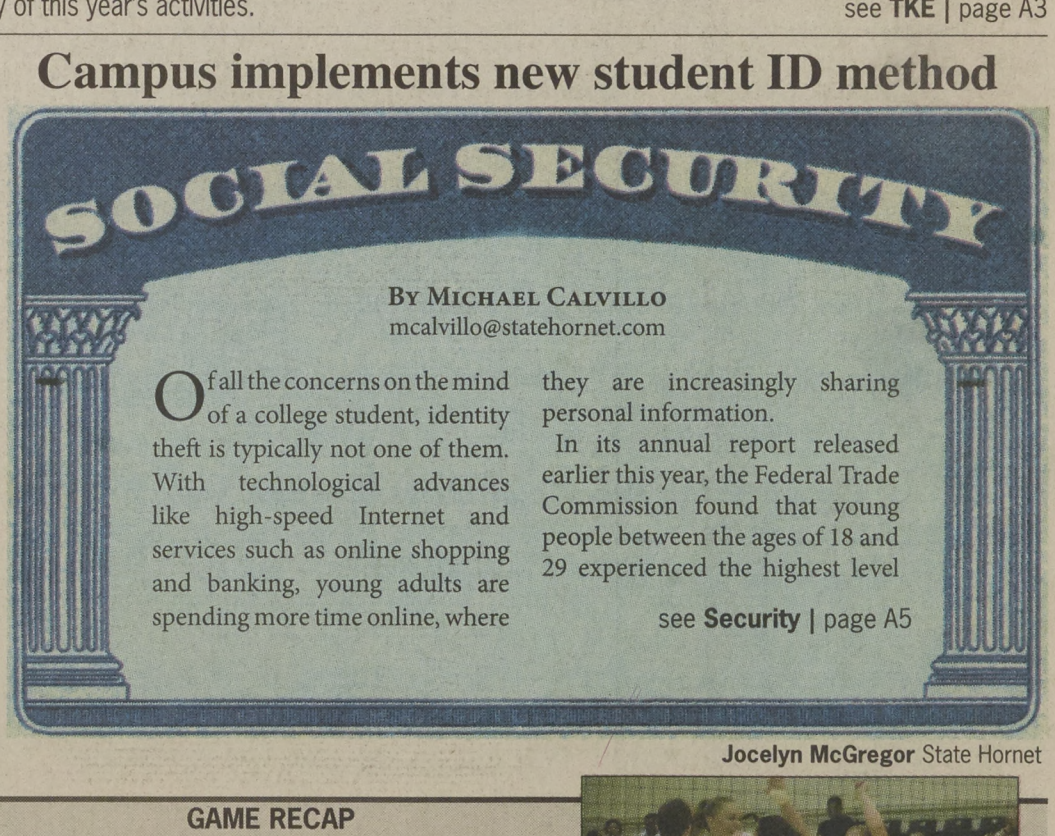
Geron said most legislature members oppose the fee increases but "say their hands are tied because they are being told by the CSU administration that this is the budget we need." He said the CSU system is enrolling more students but not asking for the funding needed to support them.

Taiz said that with overflowing classrooms and canceled classes students are "paying more and getting less."

Junior art major Carrie Rafael said one of her classes had nearly 100 people and the professor "didn't know half the names." She

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Campus implements new student ID method



BY MICHAEL CALVILLO
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Of all the concerns on the mind of a college student, identity theft is typically not one of them. With technological advances like high-speed Internet and services such as online shopping and banking, young adults are spending more time online, where they are increasingly sharing personal information.

In its annual report released earlier this year, the Federal Trade Commission found that young people between the ages of 18 and 29 experienced the highest level

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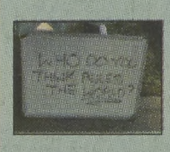
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Bar near university closes

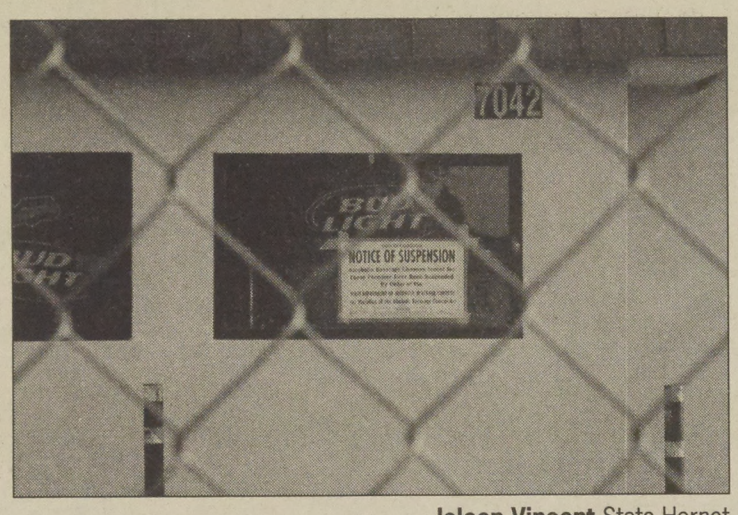
The Library Eats and Drinks, a dance club and concert venue adjacent to Sacramento State, officially closed its doors in late August.

The closure came after the bar's liquor license was suspended for not serving food. The venue's license had been suspended once before, after employees were caught serving alcohol to minors.

The club was is also known as the location where Sac State student Kebret Tekle, 20, was shot and killed, last May.

The venue is presently fenced off with a "For Lease" sign in the parking lot.

- Avi Ehrlich



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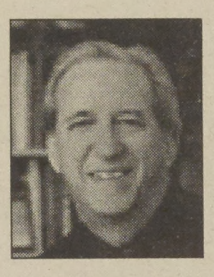
A "For Lease" sign can be seen in the window of the Library Eats and Drinks former home . Another business has yet to fill the space.

Provost nominated for presidential position

Joe Sheley, Sacramento State's provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, was nominated for the position of Florida Gulf Coast University president.

According to the News-Press website, Sheley was one of 67 candidates.

FGCU's Associate Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction and Chair of the presidential search commitee Peg Gray-Vickreysaid said each candidate possessed executive leadership experience.



Joe Sheley

Ultimately, Sheley, who was not actively pursueing the position, was not chosen. Brad Bradshaw, another candidate, was awarded the position on Aug. 13

Sheley refused to comment

- Evelyn Bigelyaizen

Call: Student participation needed

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said she had to sit in one class for two weeks before being added, while other students didn't get in at all.

Junior theatre and dance major Deoreen Hamlet said that while she has a fee waiver and wouldn't be seriously affected by the fee increase she sympathizes with those that aren't so lucky.

"I understand how it would be difficult for other students," she said.

The Trustees will hold their first meeting today and tomorrow.

According to their agenda, they will have a discussion about executive compensation at 8 a.m. today.

The CFA expects that another executive pay raise will be proposed.

"This is the very first meeting of the year and their very first order of business is raising their own pay," Taiz said.

Last semester, Rafael said she worked full time while being a full-time student.

"It was hard," she said. "What will the pay raise do to help students? How will it help the faculty?"

She said that if the fee raise goes through she'll have to work more.

Assembly Bill 1413 and Senate Bill 190 are awaiting approval by the governor. AB 1413 will allow the governor and the legislature to appoint representatives to sit in on Trustee meetings. SB 190 will require that, when the Trustees meet to propose raising executive pay, their meeting shall be open to the public.

In the conference call, Taiz said it "seems interesting that they're pushing this fee through as the bill itself sits on the governors desk."

"If they can't figure out that this is inappropriate to do at this moment, they need to have more oversight," she said.

She said that while the agenda for the first meeting does not have the fee increase listed, it is very likely that it will be discussed.

In the past the CFA tried to get more money for the CSU system by lobbying the legislature, said Taiz, but now they will "put pressure on the board, and pressure on the chancellor to ask the legislature for more money."

She said she hopes that students will become more involved in the fight for better funding.

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Monday, October 1st – Deadline to re-register all current Student Organizations.

Wednesday, October 3rd – Teleconference: Leadership Lessons: How to Be a Successful Leader, Orchard Suite

Monday, October 8th – Campus Photo – Noon, Library Quad

Wednesday, October 17th – Natural High Fair, Library Quad

Constitution Week continues through Sept. 27th
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– 2:00 PM – ASI Meeting – Foothill Suite
– 3:00 PM – Women and the Constitution – WRC
Friday, Sept. 21st – Speaker: Wangari Maathai – Redwood Room
Wednesday, Sept. 26th – 6:30 PM – Movie: *Please Vote for Me* – Hinde
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Monday, October 1st – 10:00 AM Hinde Auditorium
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"The Constitution and the Boundaries of American Freedom for Women and People of Color?"

Open House and Panel Discussion

Date: Wednesday, September 19, 2007
Time: 2:00 PM
Location: Library 1010

The campus community is invited to an Open House and Reception on Wednesday Sept 19 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. at the Multicultural Center and the Women's Resource Center, Library 1010. Join us for a panel discussion on women and communities of color and the constitution. Panelists to include: Dr. Becky Kluchin (Moderator), Dr. Lee Simpson, Dr. Charles Roberts and Dr. Erika Gasser from the History Department.

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For more information please call (916) 278-6101 or visit www.csus.edu/mcult.

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Sunday, Sept. 9

Vehicle stop – LA RIVIERA DRIVE – Officer conducted a vehicle stop for a traffic violation. The driver was found to be under the influence of alcohol. He was arrested and booked into the Sacramento County Jail.

Monday, Sept. 10

Disturbance – DESMOND HALL – Officer contacted three non-dorm residents for a noise complaint.

Traffic accident – PARKING STRUCTURE 1 – Report of a vehicle collision involving a Toyota Yaris and a Chevrolet Monte Carlo. One driver complained of pain. A report was taken.

Burglary – SEQUOIA HALL – Report of a procurement credit card missing from an office. A report was taken.

Tuesday, Sept. 11

Disturbance – MENDOCINO HALL – Report of a person playing a violin in Mendocino Hall. The noise was disturbing a class. An officer contacted the person and advised the person to leave.

Theft – PARKING STRUCTURE 3 – Victim reported that an unknown person entered his vehicle and removed his car stereo. A report was taken.

Wednesday, Sept. 12

Traffic accident – COLLEGE TOWN DRIVE – Report of a traffic accident involving a motorcycle and two other vehicles. The driver of the motorcycle was transported to UC Davis Medical Center for an ankle injury.

Disturbance – PARKING LOT 2 – A verbal argument occurred between a parking enforcement officer and a citizen. Officers responded and were able to mediate the situation.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Vandalism – SINCLAIR ROAD – Report of graffiti on a road sign near Sinclair Road and Moraga Way. A report was taken.

Incident – PARKING LOT 9 – Report of a white dog wandering around Parking Lot 9 west of Napa Hall. Animal control was contacted and the dog was removed from campus.

TKE: Organization sees reinstatement as a new beginning

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Hicks said that when the school decides to get rid of a social organization, they have the option of removing it entirely or ordering the group removed from campus for up to five years. That period of time ensures that old members will cycle out of the system, resulting in a "clean slate" for the fraternity.

However, the suspension was a decision made solely by the eight member alumni board.

"We were suspended by our alumni, not by the school." Hicks said. "Thank God for our alumni because they're the reason why we had this change...to take a year off (to) restructure, rebuild and... come back."

Members of TKE said Vartkessian and President of the Board of Advisers Chad Dibble were the two alumni most instrumental in helping the chapter rebuild.

"If we didn't have them, we wouldn't be here," Hicks said.

Just as members of TKE are thankful for the work their alumni did, the school expressed gratitude for the time Vartkessian and Dibble put into helping the fraternity.

"We're totally supportive of the alumni and appreciate the hard work those two men have put in…to help the chapter realize its potential," said Director of Student Activities Lou Camera.

Tom Carroll, program adviser for Student Activities, said the alumni did the chapter a huge favor.

"The fraternities that tend to have the most success have the most dedicated alumni," he said

In turn, the alumni credited the school for working with them on bringing the chapter back.

"It's a positive thing when there's a new frat or a frat coming back to the campus," Vartkessian said. "It just helps the Greek system as a whole."



Tom Carroll

Vartkessian said he was most surprised by the maturation he has seen in the members over the past year.

"They've really taken initiative and shown that they can not only do well for themselves in school and in the community, but also for the chapter itself," he said.

At the time of suspension, TKE had more than 60 members. Vartkessian said there are now approximately 25 full and active members.

While some former members graduated, moved away or transferred to other colleges, others left entirely.

"My own personal opinion: they lost hope," Hicks said.

Now that the fraternity is back on campus, Leonardo and Hicks both said its purpose it more defined and that the chapter is more cohesive.

"We're trying to start fresh this semester," Leonardo said. "A year off working together brings us a lot closer."

Since its return, the overall goal of the chapter, Hicks said, is to "change and set the tempo of dealing with the school."

He said that in the past, the alumni and the school have been seen as an intimidating sort of parental force, and that TKE now realizes they are there to work alongside the chapter and help it reach its maximum potential.

Additionally there is a focus on rebuilding its membership and standing on campus.

"We're trying to get it back to where it was, number-wise," Hicks said.

However the chapter recognizes the need to be careful about not recruiting just anyone. TKE has re-formed the way of doing rush. There's a higher expectation from recruits and potential members now have to fill out a questionnaire to assure that they are what the chapter is looking for.

"Last time we weren't as strict on criteria," Leonardo said.

The groups' rush booth has been moved from the center of the Library Quad to a less hectic location.

"I wanted to make a visual statement that things are changing for the better," Leonardo said.

In addition to rewriting its bylaws, the chapter has a semester slogan it adopted in memory of recently deceased member Christopher Ramos.

"It's 'all the way live.' That was something that was popular with Chris that we apply," Leonardo said. "Just do everything you do but do it all the way."

The TKE men aren't the only ones optimistic about the future.

"Their break is going to help them in the long run," Carroll said. "I feel like they really grasp what being in a fraternity is. They see…their decisions impact other things and impact the whole organization. I'm excited for their future."

Not only are members of TKE looking forward to the upcoming school year, but they have entered it with a renewed mindset.

"We've learned more this year off than we would have," Leonardo said. "We've righted our wrongs."

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Tau Kappa Epsilon member Jordan Stevenson, left, waves the fraternity's flag during a Greek Week soccer game on April 21, 2006. The faternity was suspended later that semester.

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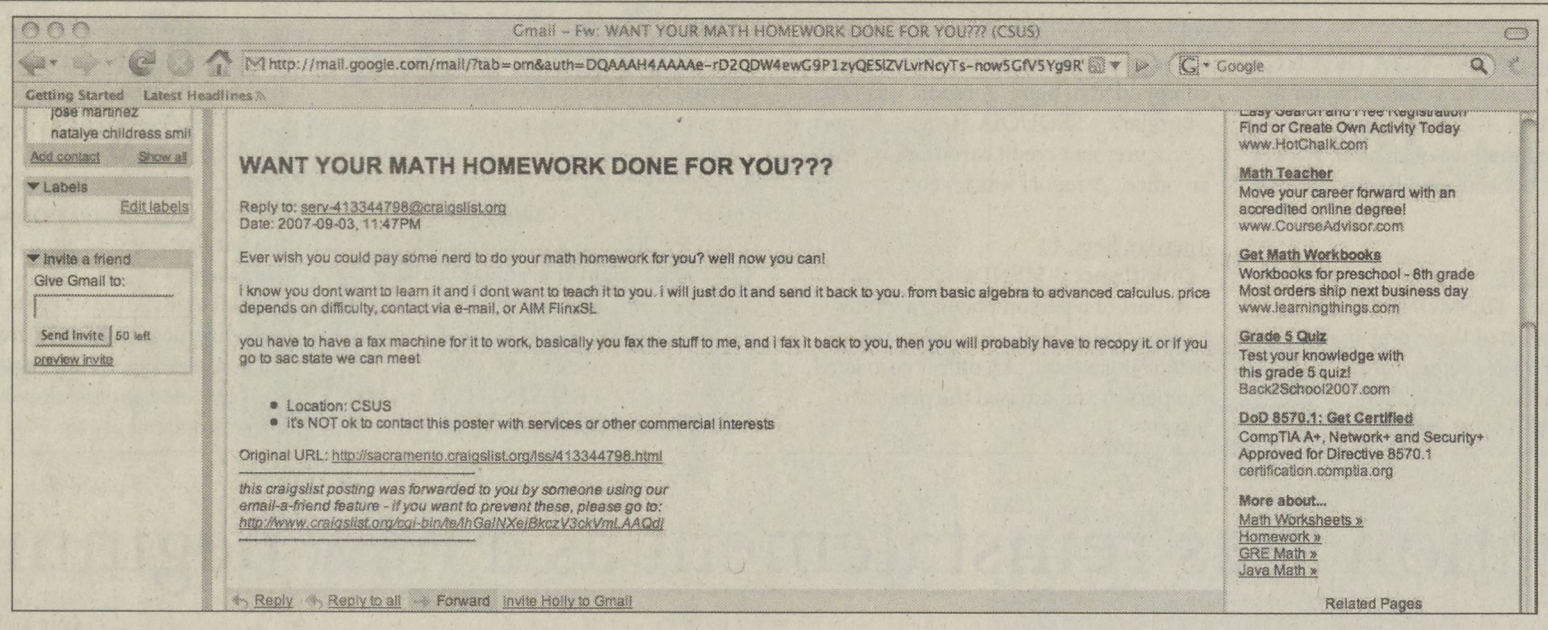
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A Sac State student, who asked to remain anonymous, is responsible for posting an ad on Craigslist, which offers the completion of homework in exchange for money.

Cheating: Student offers his customers no guarantees

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subject imaginable.

Some say technology makes cheating easier.

"Technology is a wonderful thing, but it's a double-edged sword," said Leonard Valdez, director of Student Conduct.

Valdez said students can find ways to cheat online, but teachers can catch cheaters with online tools. Sites such as turnitin.com search student papers for content found in other publications.

In an e-mail, the Sac State junior who posted the above ad said that although no one has requested his services yet, he expects they will contact him when semester work gets more demanding.

"People cheat because they want to get paid and not work…kind of the modern American dream," he wrote.

He said he decided to offer his math services because he "has a lot of down time between classes."

"There is no grand scheme, it was kind of impulsive...if I don't complete the work for whatever reason it's not me that gets the blame," the student wrote.

As technology and information-sharing capabilities grow, does cheating expand too?

"Cheating has really grown…not only (those) that are reported, but for students to kind of believe this is the way to get by," Valdez said. "I am always shocked and surprised by the number of students who tell me, 'Oh yeah, I know students who do it,' and 'If I could do it to get an A, I would.' "

"Why do it?" Valdez asked. "You're only here for yourself."

What is cheating?

Cheating includes plagiarism, using notes during an exam, using one assignment in two classes and paraphrasing someone else's ideas without giving them credit.

"You can plagiarize music and art, even formulas," Valdez said.

Right now, all behavioral policies are under review, Valdez said. It's a process that can take more than a year for just one policy to be reviewed.

Manwhile, Sac State's 2004 academic honesty policy still holds true.

What counts as cheating to students varies person by person.

One student said that studying with someone who is smarter or has worked is a form of cheating because you haven't done the class work all semester, but instead profit from someone else's work.

Karen Ballerini, asenior sociology major, disagreed.

"That's working smart, not working hard," she said.

Junior criminal justice major Paul McClain agreed with Ballerini, calling that method "creative and intuitive studying."

McClain saw more cheating in high school than in college, because "there are too many consequences."

"In high school you get an F on the assignment. Here, you get kicked out," he said.

How common is cheating?

Valdezsaid an increase in teacher diligence has led to an increase in the number of reported incidents.

However, University Reading and Writing Coordinator Dan Melzer said cheating is not any more prevalent today than in years past.

"I think the factors that play the most significant roles in why students are tempted to cheat are the same now as they always were: writing assignments that students perceive as formulaic or not relevant to their learning goals; lack of peer and teacher response during the writing process; and time pressures from having to balance school, work, and family life," he wrote in an e-mail.

Students who asked not to be named said they are more likely to cheat in a class they feel won't be useful to them in their careers, especially if a friend has taken the class before.

"Some teachers give the same assignment every semester, and it's easy to take someone else's homework and put it in different words," one alumna said.

Especially, she said, in a Greek organization where students need to keep their grades up to remain members.

"We're all supposed to be support systems to each other, and if we've taken the class before, we do our best to help each other out," she said.

Sophomore criminal justice major Araceli Guerrero disagrees.

"Just because there is a certain GPA requirement, doesn't mean they cheat to do this," she said, speaking from her organization's booth in the quad.

How are cheaters caught?

"It's usually not subtle," said Roger Leezer, chair of the of mathematics and statistics department. "If someone is cheating, you can tell."

He explained that even in math, no two students solve a problem from scratch in exactly the same way. When two assignments look identical, it's a sure sign of cheating.

Leezer said there have been no reported cases of cheating in the math department in the last three years.

Melzer said professors in the English department try not to have the attitude like they are out to "catch" students.

"I think designing original and interesting writing assignments and asking students to engage in an extensive writing process discourages plagiarism much more than any computer program," he wrote in an e-mail.

What happens when cheaters are caught?

Verbal warnings are rare and usually reserved for students who did not intend to violate the rules, Valdez said. They're reserved for those people who forget to put quote marks around a citation, for example.

Usually students caught cheating are suspended from school, Valdez said.

According to Executive Order 970 from the Chancellor's Office, if a student's suspension lasts longer than a year, the suspension goes on his or her permanent record.

That suspension will show up on background checks, so it could impact students looking to start a career in a position where ethics matter. Cops, bankers, social workers and teachers are a few examples.

Worst-case scenario?

"When we discover a student who has manipulated the system, we don't think twice about rescinding their degree," Valdez said.

Valdez estimates that on average, one to two Sac State alumni lose their degrees each year. Sometimes cheaters aren't caught until three or four years after they have graduated.

"Every institution wants to protect their degree….It's by a piece of paper that we certify that you as a student have overcome all the obstacles we put in your way," Valdez said.

"It raises our sense of not only outrage but a sense of protecting our students who have earned a degree."

"Think about it," Valdez said. "Is it worth your livelihood for the sake of trying to take a shortcut?"

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Security: Students beware

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of identity theft.

According to the Commission's website, identity theft occurs when someone uses personally identifying information to commit fraud or other crimes. One key piece of information, commonly used by college students, that leads to many identity theft cases is social security numbers.

"College students should be extremely careful when disclosing personal information, especially their social security number," said Johnny May, a certified identity theft risk management specialist and author of "Johnny May's Guide to Preventing Identity Theft."

Social security numbers are typically used as primary identifiers for students and employees of state and local agencies, including colleges and universities.

In 2004, then-state senator Debra Bowen authored a series of laws aimed at limiting the use of social security numbers by colleges and universities. According to her website, Bowen's intent was to protect social security numbers from being stolen.

One part of the law, California Civil Code section 1798.85, stated that California colleges and universities could no longer publicly post or display an individual's social security number, print an individual's social security number on any materials that are mailed to the individual or require an individual to transmit his or her social security number over the Internet unless the connection is secure or the social security number is encrypted.

This section, however, does not prevent the collection, use or release of a social security number as required by state and federal law or the use of a social security number for internal verification or administrative purposes.

Another part of the law made it illegal to print or imbed a person's social security number on any card, like Sacramento State's OneCard, required for the individual to access products or services provided by a college or university.

After the law was officially passed in 2004, the California State University system was given until July 1, 2005 to follow the mandate.

To comply with this law, Sacramento State has begun assigning randomly selected ID numbers and embedding the number on the magnetic strip located on the back of the OneCard, a OneCard employee said. For security reasons, a student's social security number is not printed or imbedded on the OneCard.

While these random ID numbers are assigned to students, Sacramento State still uses social security numbers as the main way of identifying its students and faculty, something not outlined in Bowen's law.

Other California State Universities have taken extra measures to ensure the safety of their students.

In 2004, California State University Monterey Bay discontinued the use of social security numbers as a primary identifier and randomly assigned a new nine-digit number to all students.

In 2005, California State University Chico implemented similar procedures.

CSU campuses in Fresno, Bakersfield, San Francisco and San Jose are also among those that have started using ID numbers to identify students instead of social security numbers.

"The less a student has to use his or her social security number, the safer it is," May said.

A social security number is not the only piece information identity thieves can use against their victims. Credit card and bank account numbers are also used to defraud potential identity theft victims.

There are many ways to reduce the risk of becoming a victim of identity theft. Shredding documents containing personal information, opting out of pre-approved credit card offers, obtaining an updated credit report, installing antivirus software and using firewalls are just a few ways for students to stay secure.

Unfortunately, most young adults are not proactive when it comes to protecting themselves.

"I think (students) believe they don't have anything worth losing," May said. "A lot of (students) work part time or for minimum wage, some don't work at all. The reality is this makes is easier for identity theft to occur."

The 2007 Identity Fraud Survey Report, released by Javelin Strategy & Research, found that adult victims ages 18 to 24 are the group least likely to take easy, but important, safeguards against identity theft.

Sometimes, however, no amount of preparation can prevent cases of identity theft.

"My purse was stolen from my car about six months ago," said Yvonne Thornton, senior mathematics major. "The thief ended up spending almost $1,000 total on two different cards that were in my wallet."

Although it was definitely an unfortunate situation, Thornton knows she will not remain discouraged forever.

"If it weren't for the helping power of time, I would have felt a lot worse in the long run," Thornton said.

Thornton has since ordered a credit report and is in the process of making sure that her monetary loss is the only damage done.

Perhaps the best preventative measure against identity theft is overall awareness of its causes and consequences.

"Identity theft isn't something I always think about, but I know that I don't want to become a victim," said Jennifer Vance Trup, senior liberal studies major. "So, I try to take the necessary steps so that this sort of thing doesn't happen to me."

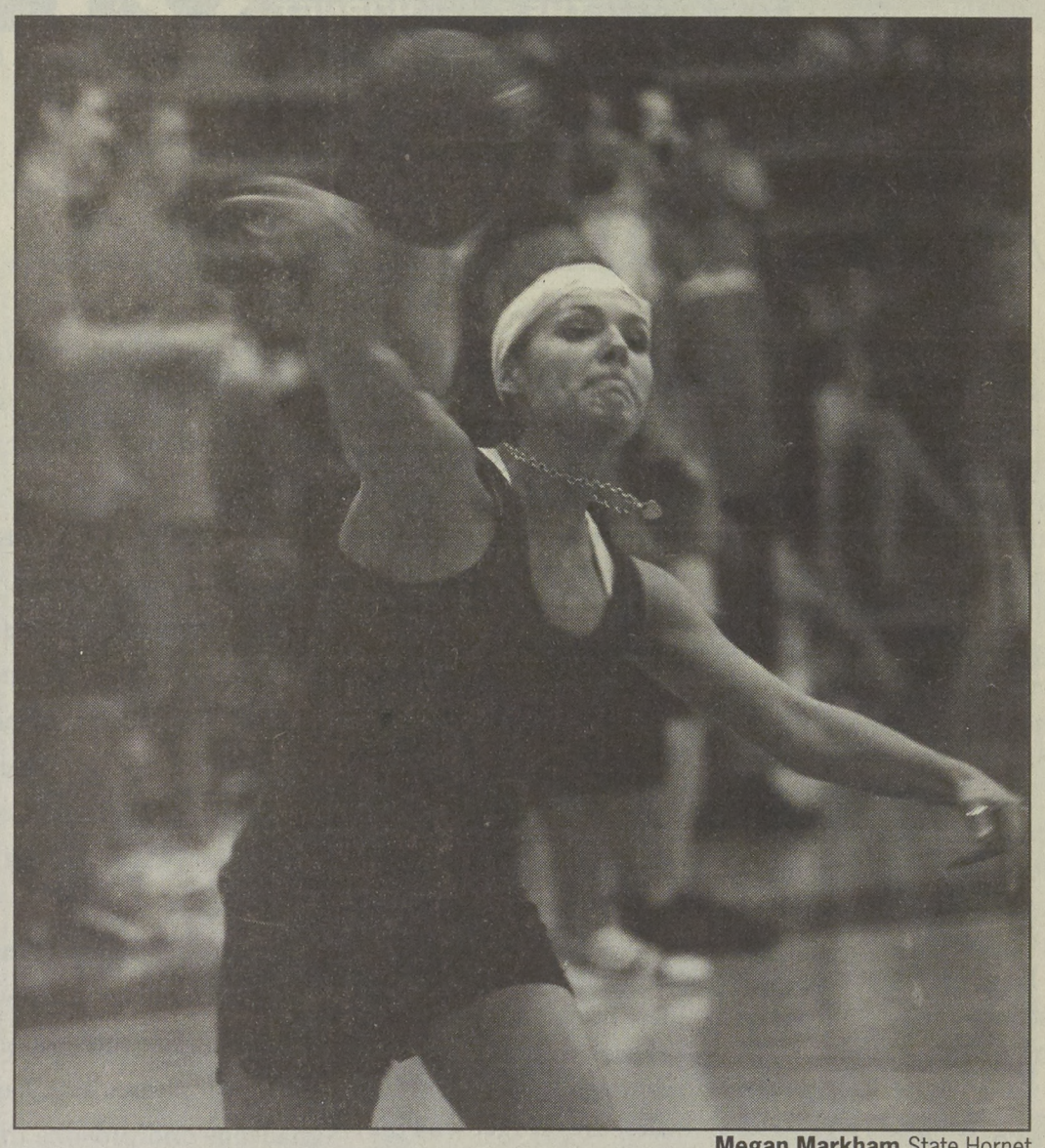
May also stressed the importance of knowledge and understanding.

"Young people are extremely susceptible to identity theft and for this reason they need to be educated on this topic," May said.

May has developed a new college level identity theft prevention course, the first of its kind in the country, and is currently teaching it at two colleges in Michigan.

"College students need to treat their personal information as if it were gold," May said. Once it is out there, you can't take it back."

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Sophomore Courtney Kennedy throws a ball during the Sac State Throwdown on Thursday night in the Hornets Nest.

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A reason to learn

Summer time withdrawals have all worn off. Students are making their way through the first of their assignments shuffling to and from their classes, late registrations are all but filled out, that obnoxious guy sitting in the back row is already pushing that last nerve and another week at Sacramento State goes by.

The routine of school is back and students are returning to robot-mode, but that doesn't have to be the case.

Here at Sac State, the school-time "routine" can be anything but.

Sure, students are shuffling from class to class. How many of them are 90 years old though? Estelle Rees Arroyo, a history major here, made the decision to go back to college to get out of the house. This kind of logic may not appeal or apply to the general college student, but it's certainly encouraging. The desire to learn and grow never dwindles regardless of how old one is.

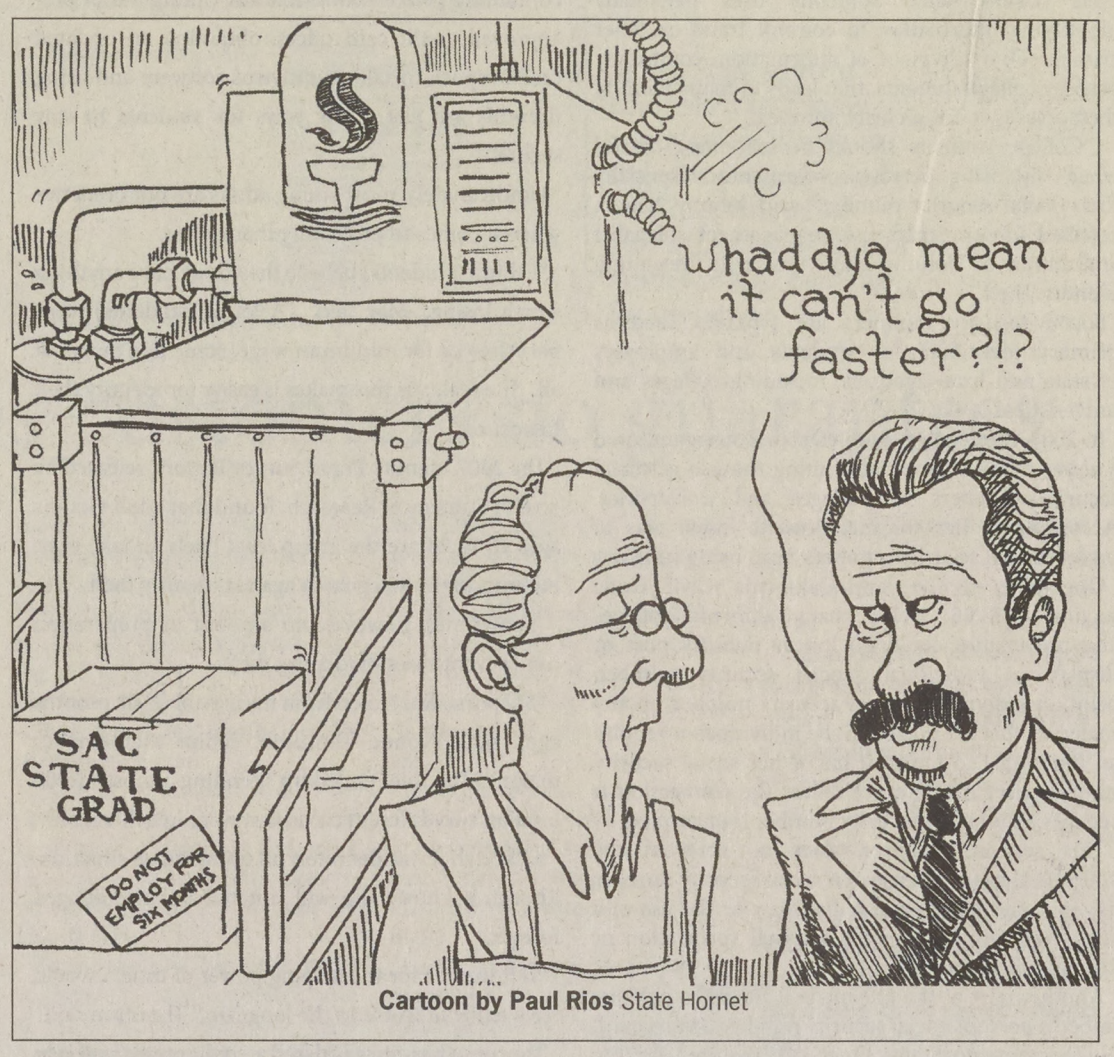
Instead of moping in the classroom blues, remember why you're here in the first place. Students make a conscious decision that they're going to better themselves with an education. They're here because there's a subject that genuinely interests them.

There seems to be this mentality students fall into when they forget why they decided to go to college in the first place. There are plenty of alternative routes out there. Students can go straight from high school into the work place and make the money to buy the toys they want.

Some students go to school to pacify their parents. Where's the sense in that? Think of all the wasted time. Think of all the missed opportunities to do what really makes you happy. That's what it's all about.

Of course there are going to be those subjects that we just dread, but there's a selection of classes that can challenge and provoke the student mind. Remember, you're doing this because you enjoy it.

A glitch in the grad system



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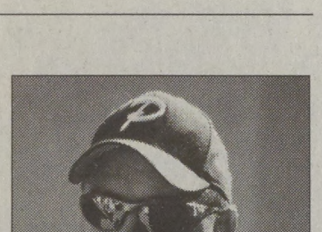
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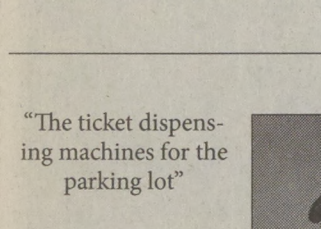
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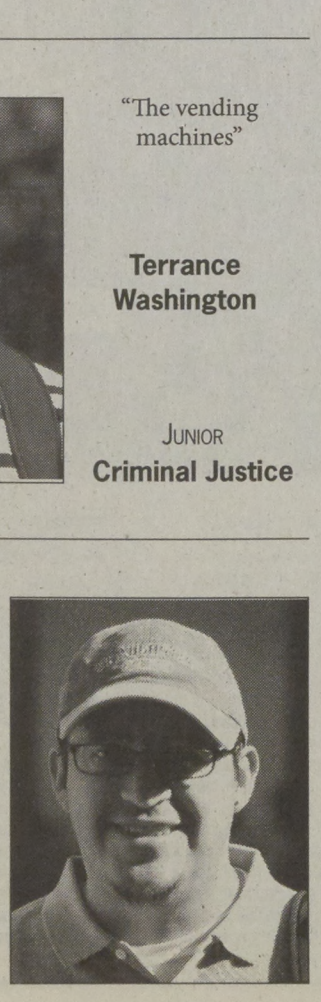
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On this campus, playing ball like a girl is something to be proud of



scottallen

Men's sports have dominated the media and our consciences from time immemorial. Men's sports get coverage on the major television networks, especially ESPN, and women's sports often are relegated to ESPN2.

There is the belief that men's sports are more exciting, more fast-paced and more entertaining. Is that really true?

I will concede the fact that if an NFL game was on while a women's basketball game was, I would watch the football game. This is not because women's basketball is boring and uninspiring, but because I love football. However, women are just as athletic and exciting as men, and that often goes unnoticed and ignored because the perception is that male sports are what people want to see, even if those teams are perennial losers (not in life, just in games).

Go to a Sacramento State women's volleyball game and one will understand what excitement and competition is. Last weekend, Sac State dominated the Manhattan College Jaspers of New York, 3-0. They were diving and throwing themselves on the floor, with what may seem like reckless abandon to the lay observer, only concerned with keeping the ball alive for another teammate. They displayed exemplary teamwork, and regardless of whether they scored a point or missed an opportunity to score, they always met in a circle to give each other a quick shout of encouragement.

Although the average male is stronger, faster and taller than the average female (sorry ladies, I have to divulge these anatomical facts), the competition, passion and enthusiasm is as pure and unadulterated in women's sports as it is in men's (if not more so). Furthermore, any female athlete at Sac State could probably mop the floor with me in her respective sport.

Physical differences aside, there is the matter of success. The Sac State men's football team has had little success recently. They finished 4-7 overall last season, good enough for fifth place in the Big Sky Conference. They have a combined 18 wins and 49 losses since 2001 and have not beaten UC Davis, the "rival," since 1999. The men's basketball and baseball teams have met little success as well. This is not to say these men's teams will never be good.

The point isn't to highlight how bad some of our teams are, nor is it to belittle any of the athletes and coaches that are a part of any athletic team. It is hard work to be a student-athlete and what they do is admirable. Balancing practice, games, school and work seems impossible to do, but somehow they make it all happen. Part of the problem is that football, baseball and basketball would be better off in NCAA Division II in order to be more competitive, build up more successful programs and attract more talented recruits.

The point is that men's sports that are far less successful garner more attention and praise more than successful women's sports. Sac State's women's volleyball has won 10 straight Big Sky Conference Championships. Women's tennis has won the Big Sky the last six years. Women's gymnastics have won three Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Championships since 2002 and the last two Western Athletic Conference Championships. Women's rowing has won four Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championships, including the past two years. Women's volleyball coach Debby Colberg has compiled more than 800 victories, two national titles, 19 NCAA Tournament appearances, 17 conference championships and 15 Coach of the Year awards, and sadly for us she is retiring at the end of the season. Colberg's record begs the question, why is head football coach Marshall Sperbeck paid $120,000 per year?

It will be a long time before Sac State gains a reputation as a perennial powerhouse in football, basketball or baseball, so why not aggressively market the successful teams we already have? The school needs to emphasize its athletic programs, male or female, based on performance, not on a perception of what they think people want to read and hear about. Sac State students, faculty, staff and the community should take the time to watch these female athletes perform and realize that they deserve the same amount of respect and recognition as the guys.

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A freshman's dreams don't always equal a senior's reality

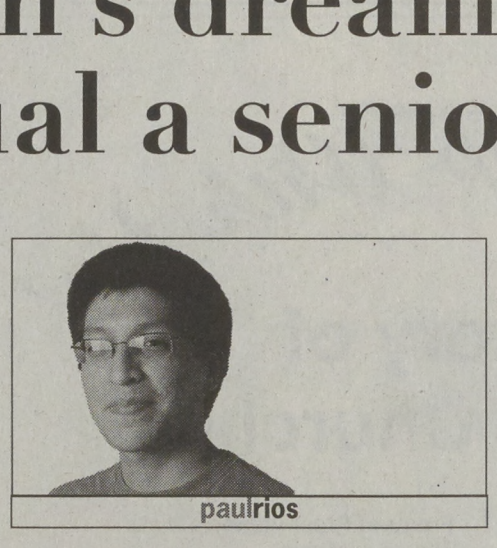
Given the amount a student invests in preparation for higher education, huge novice expectations are reasonable. But these hopes are the windmills of a social and careerist knight-errant. Parties, internships, booze, sex and connections - if only it were so simple.

Freshmen arrive at Sacramento State with boundless optimism, and it's enough to warm the cockles of a cold, cynical heart. But any sympathy stems from lived-through naivety. The reality is that college life is one subtle complication after another, a balancing act that requires some finagling for the best results. Mistakes are inevitable.

There are some universal things you can try to get the most out of your time here, though.

First and foremost, experiment. Don't assume you know everything, least of all everything about yourself. Try out new things like different courses of studies or new interests; they might be more interesting than the familiar choices. Naturally, people forget their fallibility until they step on campus, only to receive a profound reminder when they realize the depth of their options. Just remind yourself that it's not a smart thing to stand by every assumption decided upon when you're 18.

Be sure to get active and do things for others. As veteran do-it-yourself musician R. Stevie Moore argues, living and existing may be similar ideas, but they are not the same thing. A stone can exist, but it has not the volition to act upon the world. It can only hope to be acted upon. Too often, Sacramento State freshmen forget that they aren't stones.



paulrios

A 2004 campus life survey reported less than a third of that year's incoming freshmen considered it very important to take part in the campus community. As part of that respondent group, it seemed like a reasonable opinion to hold then. Consider the mistake another poor assessment of something I had no clue about.

Join a club, a recreational activity or any other organization that can put you in touch with people who hold similar interests or goals. Pragmatically speaking, college can be viewed as an important network-building experience. The organizational experience certainly won't hurt your chances of scoring a job when you graduate. Ideally (and from a less calculating viewpoint), college represents a chance to build those truly substantial personal relationships that can last for the rest of your life.

Of course, a contrary suggestion exists as well: Don't spread yourself too thin. It's an understandable itch to scratch since the possibilities are endless, but remind yourself of limitations. If you expect to hold a job, take on a bulging course load, join the debate team and attempt to maintain a social life and your sanity, you're obviously already devoid of the latter.

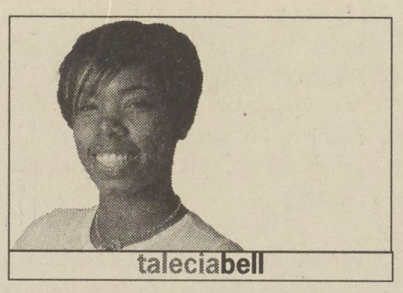
Sure, it can be done. As a working class campus, Sac State is filled with people attempting to pull off harrowing schedules, some of whom have no other choice. But this is one of the reasons our campus has traditionally struggled with establishing community, student apathy and dispiriting retention rates. Take a room of 100 freshmen; chances are a quarter won't return for their sophomore year. Assuming you don't want to be part of that group, it is in your interest to simplify your life as much as possible.

A lot of common sense, I know, but let my hindsight be your foresight. Try to escape preconceptions about what it means to be a college student - without eschewing those high hopes. Expect nothing, demand everything, be unafraid of failure and you've got it made. And whatever you do, don't be intimidated by giants. They might not be.

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Driving drowsy is as bad as driving drunk



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It's funny how life comes at us so fast. One minute you're hanging out on cloud nine, the next you're stranded on the side of the road with a broken cell phone.

On the Saturday of the weekend before Memorial Day, while visiting a friend out of town, I totaled my only source of transportation because I fell asleep behind the wheel.

I woke up that morning at about 3 a.m. to a loud crash and a terrible rumbling underneath me. I was driving on top of a center divide on Bay Street in Emeryville, Calif.

Whatever it was that I hit must have went underneath the car because just as fast as I hit the island, my eye lids literally snapped open and my eyeballs nearly popped out of my head, but I didn't see the object from the initial impact. My first instinct was to stop the car, so I threw my entire driver's education out the window and smashed down on the breaks.

All I remember after that is a loud "screeeeeeeech!"

Almost simultaneously as I hit the breaks, the car dropped off the side of the island and a bright white cloud covered my sight for what seemed like almost a whole minute - at times like these, I quote Judy Blume, "Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret."

I was back on the street. I heard another loud crash and came to an immediate stop. I couldn't see or breathe anything but smoke. Once I realized the car had stopped, I unbuckled my seat belt and opened the driver's door to reveal I had crossed over two lanes and hit the curb.

As the smoke cleared, my best friend came running towards me. The first thing I thought was, "how the hell did I fall asleep?"

Although I experienced a distressing chain of events, my situation is not only true to me, but also to others. And many times, the results can be much direr.

I walked away from the crash with barely a scratch and no casualties or the involvement of any other cars or pedestrians. I was lucky.

Although I knew I was feeling sleepy, I told myself, as many others have also done, "I can make it."

College students are not insusceptible to this mentality. This year there will be many of us who stay up well beyond the ability of our bodies.

Whether we're working, studying or even partying, it is our responsibility to identify when our bodies need to be re-energized. There are other factors beyond one's own safety to remember.

According to a 2006 poll conducted by the National Sleep Foundation, at least 60 percent (about 168 million) of Americans have driven while knowingly feeling sleepy. Nearly 37 percent (about 103 million) of Americans have actually fallen asleep while at the wheel.

According to the poll, drivers are unable to identify if or when they're sleepy, and there are many underlying causes such as inadequate sleep, interruption of sleep, large amounts of time spent on a task and the consumption of alcohol for an already tired driver, which increase the risk of drowsy driving.

The survey also stated that much like the effects of alcohol, fatigued and drowsy driving affects drivers by contributing to impaired reaction time, lower judgment and vision, short-term memory loss, decreased performance, increased moodiness and aggressive behavior. Furthermore, the foundation explained that, "Being awake for 20 hours is equal to a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.08 percent, which is legally drunk in California."

Knowing the toll life can weigh on us, here are some helpful ways to identify whether you're too sleepy to drive: difficulty focusing, trouble remembering the last few miles driven, drifting from lane to lane, hitting the shoulder rumble strip, frequently blinking and heavy eyelids. Check out our campus' very own University Union. There are many areas such as the Fire Place Lounge on the second floor with plenty of comfy couches and rocking chairs for a great place to catch up on those much needed ZZZ's before that long (or even short) drive home, because it only takes a second to fall asleep at the wheel.

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Green energy lifestyle



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The passing of Assembly Bill 32 in 2006 ushered in a new position for California making the state the forefront on the fight against global warming. The passage of AB 32 in 2006 created a mandate for California to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions to pre-1990 levels by 2020.

AB 118 is another bill running in the same vein as AB 32. Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez's AB 118 was passed by both houses and was sent to Gov. Schwarzenegger for signing Thursday just before the legislature adjourned for the year. Nunez also authored AB 32.

AB 118 targets greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. With 41 percent of California's emissions resulting from transportation, it is a key area to focus on. AB 118, if signed by the governor, would increase the annual fees auto owners pay by $11. There would also be smaller fee increases on obtaining special license plates and boat registrations.

The fee increases would rake in an average of $100 million annually. The funds would then be distributed evenly into two different programs. The first program would provide incentives for projects that worked to promote fuels and vehicles with lower carbon emissions. The other program would use its allotted funds to support the cultivation of clean, energy-efficient and renewable transportation technology through grants and revolving loans.

There was little debate in the 48-29 passing of the bill, but it did have its critics. A lot of people are looking for a silver bullet to the emissions and energy problems. The problem is finding the silver.

The road to 2020 and even 2050 emission reduction goals is going to be an uphill battle. In order to meet our goals, "there needs to be an energy revolution," said Dan Skopec, undersecretary for the California Environmental Protection Agency, to the Mercury News.

If an energy revolution is necessary, where else but in a state of tree huggers is that possible? We are a state rich in alternative lifestyles and thinking. Renewable energy today makes up approximately 11 percent of the states power, according to the California Energy Commission. That is one of the highest levels in the country.

However, that reputation could also hurt our chances of reaching emissions goals.

California's population has been expanding rapidly since day one. It is expected to increase by more than 40 percent by 2020. California is a large state with a very large population and high carbon-dioxide emissions.

According to the San Jose Mercury News, "if California were a nation, it would be the 16th-largest carbon-dioxide emitter in the world – producing more carbon than Australia, Saudi Arabia, or Spain."

In other words, the world is watching.

As Californians, we have the foundation to lead this fuel revolution. Massive change does not require proportional action by the revolutionary. If Californians changed only a few of their daily habits and invested in a few energy-saving items, a world of difference could be found.

We have all heard this sermon about taking public transit, carpooling, buying energy efficient appliances and double-paned windows.

Carpooling for Sac State students requires synchronizing schedules on a campus where you're lucky if you even get into two classes at the time you wanted. Energy efficient appliances or double-paned windows usually aren't at the top of the list when apartment hunting.

There are ways to reduce the carbon emissions that don't require much effort.

Try switching out light bulbs for energy efficient ones – the funny coil looking ones. Only a few can make a difference in your personal carbon emissions. Plus, they last longer.

Reduce, reuse and recycle. Everyone learns about it in school. There are recycling bins all over campus; big square garbage bins for paper and round ones for cans and bottles. They are all labeled.

Check the air in your tires. Air is free. If you have your tires pumped up to their appropriate level, you'll get better gas mileage, therefore reducing your emissions.

Don't believe me? Don't think you can make a difference? You can. See how by going to www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ind_calculator.html.

It's your world too. Treat it like it.

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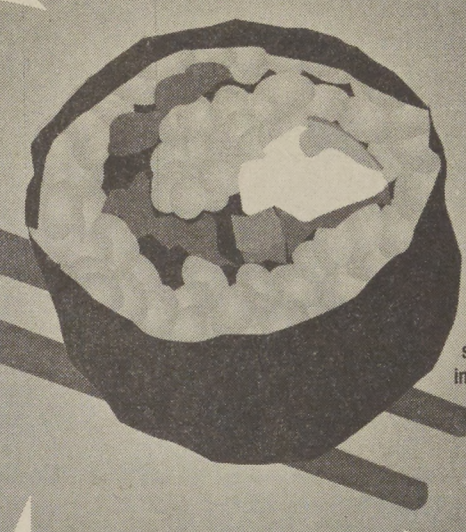
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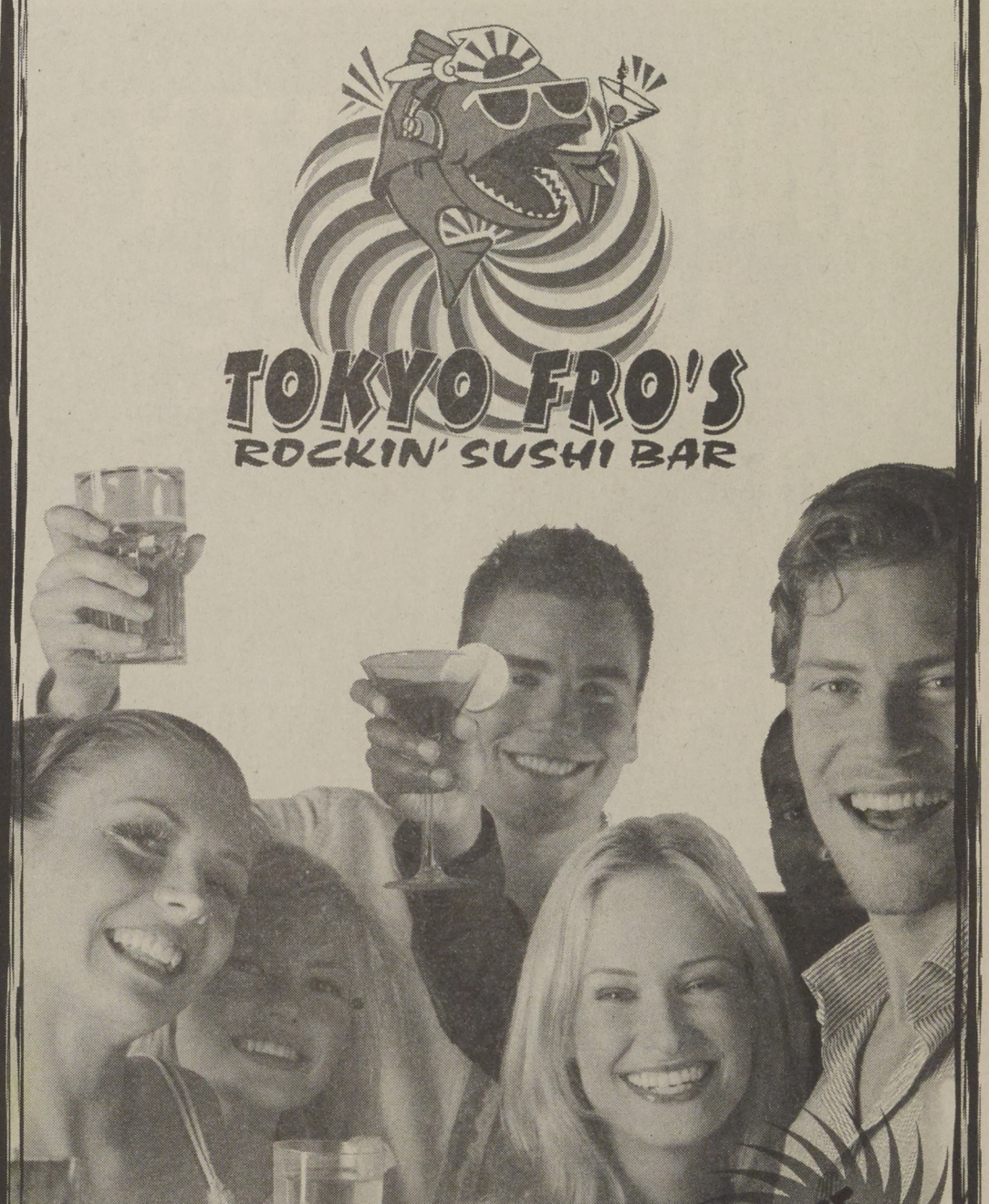
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President recommends 5 director candidates

By Andres Perez
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Associated Students Inc. President Christina Romero presented her candidates for the vacant board of director positions at a working board meeting held last Wednesday in the University Union's Capital Room.

The candidates included senior Jessica Dooley for director of Education, sophomore Fely Sita-Makaba for director of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, sophomore Shadi Karajeh for director of Undeclared, graduate student Jensen Kile for Graduate director and sophomore Robert Torres for secretary of State Affairs.

Sacramento State students will be given the opportunity to ask the candidates questions and give feedback, at the board's second official meeting, which is being held today at 2 p.m. in the University Union's Foothill Suite. The board of directors is expected to appoint candidates today, as well.

ASI's Operating Rules currently require a two-thirds vote from the board for approval presidential recommendations, while the bylaws require only a majority vote.

The board has stated that it plans to delete the two-thirds vote from the Operating Rules at some point in the near future, though a date to do so has yet to be set.

2007-08 Strategic Plan outline

The ASI board of directors also discussed its 2007-08 Strategic at last Wednesday's meeting.

Main components of the plan include: "making ASI's public image more visible and transparent," "promoting an environmental and sustainable campus," "promoting a welcoming environment for community and alumni," "promoting a safer campus environment," and "promoting ASI advancement."

Senior photography major Angela Sawaya said she would like to see ASI focus on the cutting down of lines around campus.

"I had to wait an hour and fifteen minutes to buy my parking pass," Sawaya said. "There was only two windows for like 50 people."

Some of ASI's current goals include advocating for the use of sonar panels and more lights on campus. Later, the board will focus on scheduled shuttle transportation and research, as well as the possible relocation of ASI headquarters.

"I like (the solar panels)," said senior speech pathology major Shannon Cahill. "That's good (that) they're looking for more energy efficiency."

Romero said ASI worked diligently to establish, what it feels, are relevant points.

"We worked really hard to brainstorm for the points…It was fun, painful and thoughtful," she said.

Christopher J. Ramos Scholarship

The board of directors also discussed the possibility of a $1,000 Christopher J. Ramos Memoriam Scholarship.

If accepted, he scholarship would be in honor of former ASI Vice President of University Affairs Christopher Ramos, who died in a motorcycle accident in August.

If the legislation to approve the scholarship passes, the scholarship will be awarded to a student who is an active participant in the campus community.

Aside from completing an application, the recipient must be a full-time student in good academic standing.

If successful, the scholarship will be available later this year.

The board will vote on the proposal at its next meeting.

Proposal for new job description

Curtis Grima, ASI vice president of Academic Affairs, has rewritten the job description for his current position. Modifications for the position will be voted on at the next board meeting.

"These revisions will create a job description that will be more feasible to implement," according to proposed legislation.

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Pay: Money came from budget

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ee…that is not what the board of directors does."



Pat Worley

ASI President Christina Romero said a pay increase was needed, as ASI employees haven't received an increase in years.

"With the cost of living and university fees going up and most directors not having an outside job… there was a need," she said.

Romero, who previously served as the director of Letters and Arts, abstained from last years vote because of her affiliation with the current board.

Sacramento State students like junior English major Simone Jackson, have questioned whether or not ASI should be able to determine its own pay rate.

"I don't have a say where this money goes and I don't have a say in how much is taken out of my fees," Jackson said, " It's a little disturbing for them to vote themselves into a raise."

Although Jackson doesn't agree with everything ASI does she said she appreciates the time and effort put into student interest and rights.

While some students like Jackson are opposed to the raises others have no interest in the matter.

"From my point of view, I don't really have strong feelings either way," said junior English major Rose Connally.

The amount of money each board member makes is dependent on their cost of attendance or an estimation of how much they pay to attend Sac State. Cost of attendance is calculated by the school's financial office. This year's estimation was $18,990.

Each member will receive the following percentage of the estimate: 75 percent for the president, 63 percent for the executive vice president and the vice president of finance, 56 percent for the vice president of University Affairs and Academic Affairs and 28 percent for all directors.

Scholarships will be awarded per semester and allocated incrementally each month.

Since the money is considered financial aid, some members who already have financial aid may experience problems, said Craig Yamamoto, director of Financial Aid.

"We may have to adjust their financial aid," Yamamoto said.

Romero said the shift in payment has and will continue to affect her.

"The bottom line is that I'm going to be struggling," she said. "For me...the monthly amount for the first semester is going to be close or near the same (as what it would have been)."

Romero said most other members will benefit from the increase.

Jackson questioned where the extra money came from.

Worley said the money is coming from where it always has, ASI's budget.

"It just means that when our outgoing board put our budget together, they utilized their financial resources in a slightly different manner," she said.

To date, ASI's board of directors have received a total of $19,404 in scholarship funds.

Romero said she has an open-door policy for all those who are curious about the increase.

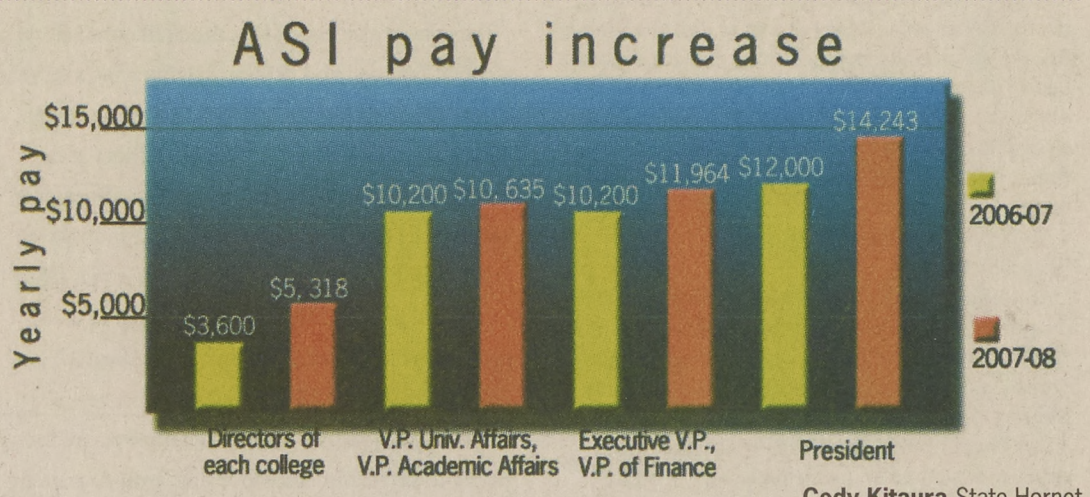
"I would encourage students to inquire and come and ask any questions they have," she said. "There are so many details to it...seeing what we do and understanding our entire position. It's very difficult to hold a job outside of (ASI) and do your school work."

Senior history major Nicholas Moore, who has been a member of the Sacramento City College's student government for several years, said he has never received a stipend.

"In our constitution it says that stipends would be determined according to By-Law," he said. "But we never activated them, because we felt it would be seen as a conflict of interest."

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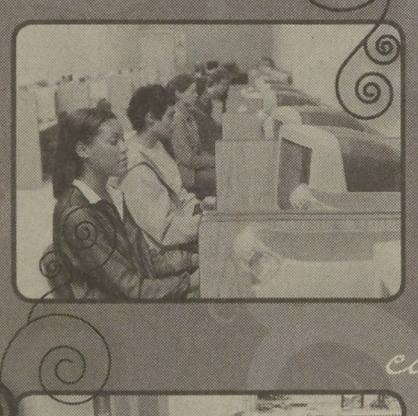
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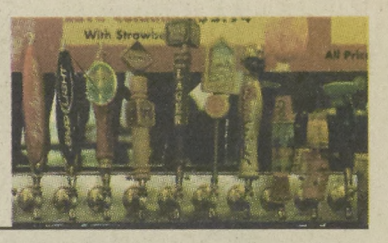
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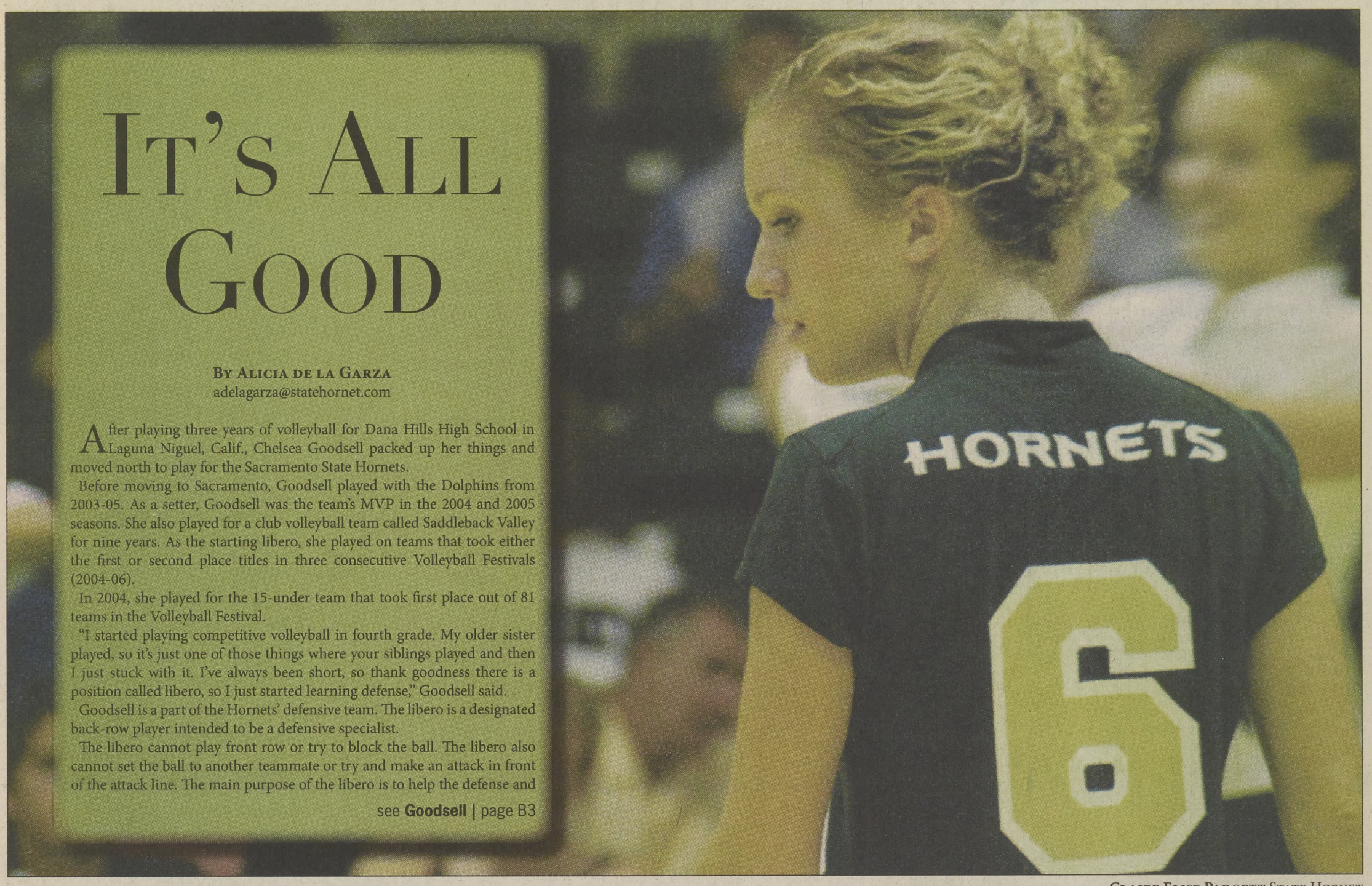
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IT'S ALL GOOD



CLAIRE ELISE PADGETT STATE HORNET

Freshman libero Chelsea Goodsell awaits a call during the 3-2 loss to the Oregon State in the first match of the Sacramento State Invitational on Friday in the Hornets Nest.

BY ALICIA DE LA GARZA
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After playing three years of volleyball for Dana Hills High School in Laguna Niguel, Calif., Chelsea Goodsell packed up her things and moved north to play for the Sacramento State Hornets.

Before moving to Sacramento, Goodsell played with the Dolphins from 2003-05. As a setter, Goodsell was the team's MVP in the 2004 and 2005 seasons. She also played for a club volleyball team called Saddleback Valley for nine years. As the starting libero, she played on teams that took either the first or second place titles in three consecutive Volleyball Festivals (2004-06).

In 2004, she played for the 15-under team that took first place out of 81 teams in the Volleyball Festival.

"I started playing competitive volleyball in fourth grade. My older sister played, so it's just one of those things where your siblings played and then I just stuck with it. I've always been short, so thank goodness there is a position called libero, so I just started learning defense," Goodsell said.

Goodsell is a part of the Hornets' defensive team. The libero is a designated back-row player intended to be a defensive specialist.

The libero cannot play front row or try to block the ball. The libero also cannot set the ball to another teammate or try and make an attack in front of the attack line. The main purpose of the libero is to help the defense and

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PGA vet fills golf vacancy



KYLE BOYD HAMPTON STATE HORNET

Men's golf coach David Sutherland interacts with Hornet hopefuls during the tryout held on Sept. 11.

Donald Sutherland hired to coach golf team after Adam Pohll accepts coaching position at Nevada

BY FERNANDO GALLO
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Newly hired Sacramento State golf coach David Sutherland knows what it takes to compete at a high level. As a former college player and professional golfer on the PGA Tour, Sutherland spent many years playing with some of the best players in the world.

"I come from a very competitive background," Sutherland said.

Sutherland's background is a huge reason why he was chosen as golf director and coach for the men's and women's golf teams, who both come off very successful seasons under former coach Adam Pohll.



Pohll, a Sac State alumnus who got along well with the players, left the program to accept the head coaching position with the women's golf team at the University of Nevada. Pohll served as coach for both the men's and women's golf teams for three years at Sac State and is remembered well by players.

"I feel like Coach Pohll did an excellent job," junior Scott DeBorba said.

DeBorba played for Pohll during his first year at Sac State and credits Pohll with helping him adjust to the new surroundings.

"I don't think I could have done it without him," DeBorba said.

"Adam was a good guy and had a real passion for the program," junior Cody Miller said.

Both teams won their conference championships in Pohll's last year and many golfers from those teams return this year to try to expand upon that success.

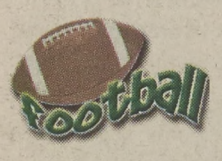
"Adam left (the golf program) in excellent shape," Sac State Athletic Director Terry Wanless said. "He did an excellent job in building a foundation that (Sutherland) was fortunate enough to inherit."

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Hornets take on Lobos

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The Hornets go head–to–head with the Lobos of New Mexico in their third consecutive road game to start the season. It marks the second Division 1-A opponent that the Hornets will play this year.



The Hornets have never faced the Lobos, making this a big game and historical occasion.

"This is the first year we've played two Division 1-A opponents since I've been here," senior defensive back Brent Webber said. "We had some success against Fresno, so we're going in pretty confident to upset them (New Mexico)."

Sacramento State comes off its first conference game against Portland State, losing 35-24. The Hornets produced 394 yards of

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Sac State rec sports leagues begin



JOCELYN MCGREGOR STATE HORNET

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Recreational Sports is offering three different athletic leagues in the fall: flag football, indoor soccer and tennis. The flag football and indoor soccer leagues started on Monday while the tennis league does not start until Sept. 25.

The flag football games will be played on the fields next to the Hornet Soccer Field. Rec Sports offers an eight-on-eight co-ed league as well as a seven-on-seven men's league. Teams are required to play with at least three women to be eligible for co-ed designation.

According to Rec Sports Assistant Coordinator Ryan McCallum, there will be 28 teams participating in flag football this semester. The league games are played Monday through Thursday from 3-6 p.m.

The six-on-six indoor soccer league is played on the athletic courts inside Yosemite Hall, Monday through Thursday from 7-10:30 p.m. Both a men's league and a co-ed league will be offered, with a minimum of three girls required for co-ed teams.

McCallum said there are 37 soccer teams registered to play this semester. The indoor courts are a third of the size of an outdoor field, and the indoor goals are close to half as big as outdoor goals according to McCallum.

The flag football league plays for four weeks with each team playing one game per week. Indoor soccer teams will play one game a week for five weeks during their regular season.

Teams in each sport which display good sportsmanship and avoid forfeiting more than once during the regular season will be

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WAY OF LIFE

SOCCER

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When Eli Millan was little, his grandmother used to ask him what he wanted to be when he grew up. Millan started off answering her with all the usual childhood dream jobs like wanting to be a fireman or a cop, but as he got older he found it more difficult to come up with something.

By the time he was 13 he really didn't know what he wanted to do. That feeling of an unknown future stayed with him all through high school until he finally figured out what he wanted to do.

His grandmother had long ago told him that a dream career is doing something you love because if you love it, you will want to do it everyday.

Millan said it was wise advice, but he didn't understand what she meant until his first week in college when he realized he didn't want to spend the rest of his life being a history teacher.

He loved sports. He loved playing, watching and writing about them. He thought maybe he could be a sportswriter.

Millan, who was born on May 26, 1985 in the Southern California town of Santa Ana, said the influenced of his town quickly developed his love of soccer.

"Being Hispanic and living in an all-Hispanic neighborhood, soccer is everywhere," Millan said.

From a young age, Millan and his father would watch soccer games on television. His mother always felt that he would become a soccer player.

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Senior Eli Millan sprints to the ball during the 2-0 loss to Portland State on Sept. 7.

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Greatest sports injury



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One thing that is always a given in sports is injuries. Almost every player will get injured at some point, especially in the ultra-violent game of football. When highly skilled athletes, who spend hours in the weight room, are slamming into each other at full speed as they do in the NFL, somebody is bound to get hurt.

One of the most memorable injuries in all of sports, remembered as both stomach-turning and sad, is Redskins quarterback Joe Theismann snapping his shin in half on Monday Night Football in 1985. The injury is so sickening that just thinking about it has me reaching for my Alka-Seltzer.

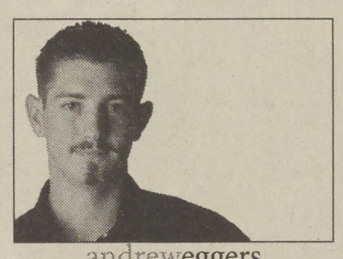
In 1985, Joe Theismann was one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL, having won the 1983 MVP award and been named to two Pro Bowls. His Redskins won a Super Bowl in 1983 and played again in 1984 (where they got creamed by the Raiders, thank you very much).

It was a Monday Night Football game against the New York Giants on Nov. 18, 1985, where Theismann suffered his horrific injury.

On a "flea-flicker" play, Theismann received the ball from his running back and scanned the defense for an open receiver. Giants linebacker and renowned quarterback-killer Lawrence "LT" Taylor sacked Theismann from behind, and as he brought the quarterback down, he fell on the back of Theismann's calf. Theismann's lower leg broke in a way that can only be described as unholy and unnatural. His shin bent at a 45-degree angle and he almost looked as if he had two knees in his right leg. If you have never seen this footage, you might not want to eat before watching it.

Once Theismann was down, Taylor found his previously undiscovered conscience. The man who can best be described as vicious and punishing immediately jumped to his feet and waved over the Redskins medical staff in a panic. If the craziest and most feared linebacker of his era is concerned, you know it was ugly. As the medical staff tended to the fallen quarterback, the primetime television audience was treated to slow motion replays of the gruesome injury.

When the dust had settled, Theismann was taken to a local hospital where it was determined he had broken his tibia and fibula. The injury would prematurely end his career at the age of 36 and earn him a place in the gross-out hall of fame.



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NAPOLEAN MCCALLUM

By far the worst leg injury I have ever seen has to be that of Los Angeles Raiders running back Napoleon McCallum. The injury came on Sept. 5, 1994 in the Raiders' season-opening game against the San Francisco 49ers on Monday Night Football.

I remember watching the game specifically because Jerry Rice broke the all-time touchdown record before McCallum's injury. Millions of people were tuned in that night and saw the injury because it was a nationally televised game.

I remember McCallum ran the ball up the middle of the defense where he was stood up by 49ers linebacker Ken Norton Jr. and defensive lineman Bryant Young. Norton Jr. grabbed McCallum and swung him to the ground. As he did, McCallum's cleat stuck to the ground, trapping his leg as his knee bent the entirely wrong direction. You can imagine how your knee bends as you walk to support your body. Well, McCallum's knee bent the opposite way, making for one of the most painful looking leg injuries I have seen.

While McCallum laid there being attended to by the training staff, the replay was on TV a couple of times. I can still remember the announcers groaning while watching the initial replay, telling viewers to look away from the TV.

McCallum's career ended abruptly since he suffered a ruptured artery in his left knee, tore three ligaments, and tore the calf and hamstring from the bone as well as suffering severe nerve damage. I wonder if he ever walked again. Check it out for yourself on YouTube if you can handle it. When I saw it again I tasted vomit in my mouth, but I still couldn't look away.



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STEVE YEAGER

It was such a breath-taking event that my dad remembers the day like it was yesterday. "The shattered bat flew, and pieces of it just stuck into his throat," my dad said.

Steve Yeager played baseball for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1970s. It was the 1976 season that changed Yeager's career.

When he was in the on-deck circle, Yeager's teammate Bill Russell swung at a ball. The bat shattered and nine pieces of the bat flew into Yeager's esophagus.

When my dad told me he was at the game when this happened, I'm pretty sure my exact words were, "What the hell? How would you even react to something like that?"

I don't know about anyone else, but I'm not sure if I would just start screaming or stand there in complete shock instead.

Most people know that the on-deck circle is not far from the dugout, and occasionally there are seats that are only a few feet from the dugout. I could not even imagine what it would be like to see bat shards fly into someone's neck.

It took 98 minutes of surgery to remove the pieces of wood from Yeager's neck.

What I don't understand is how the guy managed to come back to the game after recovering. He became famous after his injury for inventing the throat protector that hangs from a catcher's mask.

It took a couple more years of play and a couple more injuries — an injured knee and broken wrist in 1982 — to cut Yeager's playing time enough to where he was getting ready to retire.

The throat protector that Yeager invented has shielded many catchers from stray pitches and possibly saved their lives.

Too bad Yeager didn't have one on when he was standing in the on-deck circle.

SportsBriefs

UC Davis hands Sac State Hornets its first loss

The Hornets (3-1-1) women's soccer team fell to the Aggies (4-2-0) 3-2 in double overtime on Sunday at UC Davis. The loss followed a 3-3 tie to Nevada on Friday that went into double overtime.

Seniors Katie McCoy and Amanda Gray scored one goal each and Mandy Trojan recorded six saves in the loss. McCoy and Gray lead Sacramento State with four and three goals on the season, respectively.

The Hornets outshot the Aggies 16-13, but UC Davis managed to net three of its nine shots on goal, with Sac State only making two of four.

McCoy and Stidham earned Player of the Week honor

Katie McCoy was named Big Sky co-Offensive Player of the Week during the week of Sept. 3.

McCoy tallied one goal and three assists in the 5-1 victory over Fresno State and the 2-0 win over San Jose.

She shares the honor with Idaho State sophomore Jana Boehler, who tops the Bengals (3-4-0) with two goals and two assists.

Senior outside hitter Missie Stidham earned both the AVCA (American Volleyball Coaches Association) National and Big Sky Conference Volleyball Player of the Week award.

Sac State volleyball wins another preseason tourney

The volleyball team beat No. 14 Cal Poly and Xavier and took the title at the USF Volleyball Invitational on Saturday at War Memorial Gym.

The Hornets swept host USF (on Friday) and Xavier and took out No. 14 Cal Poly 3-1 to snag its second preseason title.

Seniors Missie Stidham and Lindsay Haupt led Sac State on Saturday and posted 47 and 21 kills, respectively. Haupt also made 17 blocks in both matches.

Stidham (MVP), Haupt and senior Jennifer Ferguson were named to the all-tournament team.

Abbott hired as Sac State cross country coach

Scott Abbott, a former Jesuit High School and UCLA standout, was hired to coach the Hornets cross country team.

Abbott began coaching during the Hornet Invitational.

He will also be the distance coach for Sac State's indoor and outdoor track and field.

Muscatell announced an addition to women's basketball

Coach Dan Muscatell announced the addition of freshman guard Tika Koshiyama-Diaz to the roster, as well as the loss of a senior.

Senior Ali Mollet will redshirt the season. She will be recovering from a surgery during the offseason.

Koshiyama-Diaz earned four-year letters at Pinewood High School in Los Altos Hills. She averaged 9.5 points, 7 assists and 2.8 steals per game during her senior year, where she earned first team all-Private School Athletic League honors.

Mollet only played in eight games last year and will miss the entire 2007-2008 season.

-Karyn Gilbert

Correction

Photos accompanying a profile of senior wide receiver **Ryan Coogler** were incorrectly attributed. The player wearing practice jersey No. 17 was not Coogler. The State Hornet apologizes for the error. Contact the print managing editor for corrections at (916) 278-7300 or mbeltran@statehornet.com.



MATTHEW HUGHES STATE HORNET

Senior Eli Millan kicks the ball from his opponet during the 2-0 loss to Portland State on Sept. 7.

Millan: Senior wants to become sportscaster

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"He was born to play to the game," said his mother Fidelina.

Even though he loved soccer, he actually didn't start playing on an organized team until he was 12 and his best friend brought him to a select team tryout. He made the team.

Millan then moved on to high school where he proved to be an good player, helping his team at Santa Ana win The Golden West league title in 2000.

With his quick style of play, he was a natural in the offense, scoring over 20 goals as a junior. Before his senior year, he moved to Sacramento to go to Foothill High School.

Millan admitted it was a "hard transition" as he moved to an area so different from his old home. The transition didn't have an effect on his game however, and he finished his senior season All-Capital Valley Conference and was the league MVP.

His lighting quick footwork caught the eye of Sac State coach Michael Linenberger.

"I loved the way he played. You could see he had a passion for the game," Linenberger said.

Millan was recruited and he made his way to Sac State. Millan thought he had made a big transition moving from home to a new life his senior year of high school, but now he was in an even bigger school and like most, had a somewhat difficult time adjusting.

"He's always been a quiet guy. During his first semester, he didn't have any friends. He would just come to the locker room," Linenberger said.

As a computer science-turned communications major, he had a hard time with his academics.

"I was really having trouble, but my professors really worked with me," Millan said.

During his career with Sac State, Millan built his reputation because of his playing style.

"Since his freshmen year we have called him the Energizer Bunny," Linenberger said.

In his five years at Sac State, Millan has become someone to be admired.

"He has become the leader and ambassador of this team," Assistant Coach Jason Gantt said.

"I'm not a coach man, I always have to play this game. It's nice knowing what you're born to do."

Eli Millan, senior midfielder for the men's soccer team

"Since his freshman year we have called him the Energizer Bunny."

Michael Linenberger, men's soccer coach

In addition to his work on the field, he has done well off the field, helping his family by using his talents.

Millan took the time to work with his little brother and sister and said he has turned them into great players at their respective high schools.

"He has done a lot of growing up on and off the field," Linenberger said.

Millan believes that his experience at Sac State has helped prepare him for life. He is set to graduate this fall and will be the first in his family to receive a college degree. He is proud of this accomplishment, but he knows that his dream doesn't have anything to do with his major.

"Soccer's my thing and that is what I want to do," Millan said.

He has no interest in doing anything but playing soccer after school. He doesn't plan to coach in the future.

"I'm not a coach man; I always have to play this game," Millan said. "It's nice knowing what you're born to do."1

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Sutherland: Coach left tours due to major injuries in his career

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Sutherland said that he doesn't "mind asking how Adam did things" when it comes to the way the program is run and simply wants the players to be comfortable. "I would like to have as much continuity as I could," Sutherland said.

Sutherland, who is a Sacramento native, has abundant golf experience, having played competitively for more than 20 years. He began his career at Fresno State where he was a walk-on to the golf team.

"He wasn't a golden boy when he went to college," Wanless said. "He understands how hard you have to work to be successful in the game of golf."

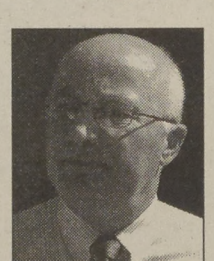
Sutherland became a successful collegiate golfer and was named an All-American in 1987 and 1989. He shared three years of his Fresno State career with his brother Kevin, who played on the team as well. Although they didn't have a competitive relationship, Sutherland said he believes their time playing together helped advance his game.

"It really helps to be playing every day with someone who is a good player," Sutherland said. "It really makes a big difference."

Sutherland turned pro in 1989 and played on both the Nationwide and PGA Tours during his 17-year career. His brother Kevin also joined the PGA Tour and still plays for the circuit today.

Although he was a successful tour player, Sutherland suffered a couple of major injuries in his career. He has had both shoulder and wrist surgery in the past five years. Although he admits "it was a drag" to suffer the injuries, they are not the reason he left the professional ranks.

"I could still play in the Nationwide tour this year if I wanted to," Sutherland said. "This is a lot more fun for me."



Terry Wanless

Wanless said it was Sutherland's copious professional experience that made him the best choice to succeed Pohll as director and coach.

"If you look around the area, even in California, I don't believe there is another coach who has the professional experience David has," Wanless said.

Wanless also said he believes Sutherland's time in the PGA will be a boom to the program and that the new coach will be instrument in its success.

"I have a vision for this program that goes beyond just winning conference championships," Wanless said. "Having (Sutherland) is part of that vision because of his skill, reputation and experience."

Although Sutherland has only been with the program for a few weeks, DeBorba said that "there probably couldn't have been a better fit for a college golf team coach" than Sutherland.

The new coach has also begun to instill a sense of confidence in his players that they can compete at the highest levels.

"He's told us the PGA Tour pros are not that much better than a good college golfer," DeBorba said, who has professional aspirations. "That made it seem like it's a possibility (for me)."

"He's been there and knows the level of focus required to be on tour," Miller said. "His experience is what helps us out the most."

Sutherland said he believes a college coach is essential in the future successes of his or her players, and a good coach will be a part of a player's life forever.

"Coaching doesn't just end when they graduate," Sutherland said. "Obviously you have a different relationship; you won't be a coach, but you can be a mentor or a close friend."

Sutherland cites his own relationship with Fresno State golf coach Mike Watney, whom Sutherland said he stays in contact with to this day.

Both the men and women's golf teams face high expectations this year after strong campaigns last season, and Sutherland does not plan on there being any drop-off. He has tried to implement a winning mentality in both teams so that success is not only achieved, but expected as well. Both teams have set their sights on the NCAA National Tournament, a step further than either team advanced last year.

"We have to be comfortable with the idea that we can be a very good team," Sutherland said. "So that these expectations are a more natural feeling as opposed to, 'Oh, we hope we make it (to the national tournament).' You have to get to the point where you're just assuming you will."

Wanless said he shares in Sutherland's confidence and believes the goal of reaching the NCAA National Tournament is "absolutely attainable."

"I think we'll be able to take our program to an even more successful level," Wanless said.

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Goodsell: Freshman hopes to top former libero's stats

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pass the ball after the opposition hits the ball back over the net.

The libero is allowed to come into the game at any time for a back row player. Whenever a libero comes into the game, it does not count as an official substitution. Although the libero is not on the official starting lineup, the libero can serve for any player rotating into the back-row.

Goodsell is the replacement of recently graduated, three-time Libero of the Year Kristin Lutes. Lutes was named honorable mention All-Pacific Region and averaged a Big Sky best 6.24 digs per game. She also has the Big Sky single season and career records for digs.

Not only was Lutes a record holder for the Big Sky, but she holds those records in Sac State history as well.

"Kristin was a good player and there is pressure on me [to play well], but the coaches do a good job of not making me feel like I have to be how she was. There is a lot of experience that you get playing Division I volleyball. I'm still a baby. I'm only a freshman, so I'm still learning. It gives me a goal to try and break her records. So I look to her as a role model for defense," Goodsell said.

Goodsell was recruited to Sac State by head coach Debby Colberg. Colberg watched a tape that Goodsell had sent in, but it wasn't until she saw Goodsell play in a junior tournament in Las Vegas that she recognized her potential.

"She played really well in Las Vegas, and I think the only problem is that she played so well that other schools became interested. We were worried we weren't going to get her, but in the end we did and I think she is a really good libero," Colberg said.

Goodsell leads the Hornets with 243 digs in 14 matches. During the Sacramento State Invitational, Goodsell tallied 44 digs in three matches. Her defense helped lead the Hornets to a second place title in the Invitational.

Goodsell also plays a big role in the Hornets' offense. She has nine service aces tallied for the season so far.

A service ace occurs when the player who is serving the ball does not allow the opposing team to return the ball on the first play.

Colberg is known for teaching her players a lot about defense. Goodsell maintains her skill comes through coaching from Colberg.

"She really knows a lot about defense. I think she is one of the best defense coaches in the nation," said senior Lindsay Haupt.

Goodsell has already posted big numbers for defensive plays early in the season. As the season continues, Goodsell will try to keep posting big numbers and grow closer towards her goal of filling Lutes' shoes.

The Hornets won its second title at the USF Invitational this past weekend. Goodsell tallied 48 digs in three matches.

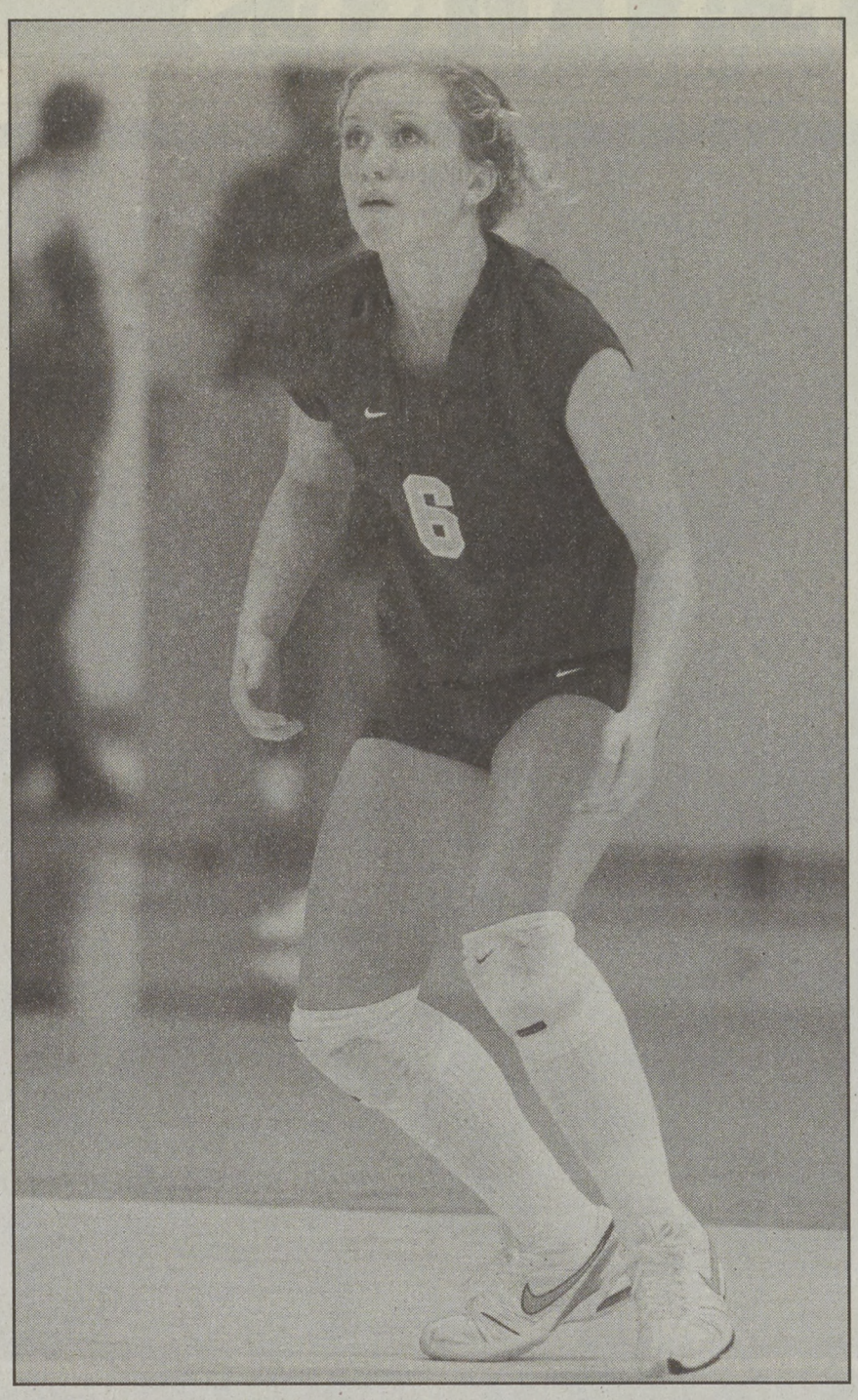
Sac State will return to the Hornets Nest to host Northern Arizona in the league opener on Friday.

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Debbie Colberg,
women's volleyball coach
on seeing freshman
Chelsea Goodsell at a
junior tournament in Las
Vegas



Freshman Chelsea Goodsell reacts to the ball during the Sacramento State Invitational on Saturday in the Hornets Nest. Goodsell tallied 44 digs in three matches as the Hornets took second place.

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Recreation: Student body compete in tennis, soccer and football

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eligible to play in a single-elimination playoff tournament after the season to decide the league champion.

McCallum said he is proud of the amount of teams participating in flag football and indoor soccer leagues this semester.

"Most of the teams playing this year are returning from last year… whenever teams come back, it puts a smile on my face 'cause we (Rec Sports) know we're doing a good job," he said.

Student referees will be officiating both flag football and indoor soccer. "There are a lot of returning referees this year with past experience who know what they're doing out there," Supervisor of Officials Jivin Seward said about the referees.

He said new and returning referees are required to attend two training sessions, one in a classroom atmosphere to go over the rules, and one on the field in a simulated game.

Seward said that student referees will be officiating games played by their peers, which can be intimidating sometimes.

"The thing I enjoy most is watching their growth over the course of a season. The refs gain confidence in themselves and in their abilities to perform," Seward said.

Seward, who is a former intramural referee himself, compared the feeling to a parent teaching his or her child how to do something correctly.

This is the second year that Rec Sports is offering a tennis league. McCallum said the league drew close to 40 players last year and he is expecting about a 10 percent increase this year. There are five leagues being offered this year: men's and women's singles as well as men's, women's and mixed doubles.

The tennis league is a self-run league, meaning Rec Sports schedules the matches, but it is the responsibility of the players to contact each other and play. Players can agree to play when and where they want. There are no officials in these matches; the players are expected to be honest and fair toward each other.

"Last year, the tennis league ran smoothly; we are just looking for more participation in the playoffs this year," Intramurals Administrative Assistant Eric Buechler said.

Buechler said that a single-elimination tournament is held after the regular season and players are seeded according to their regular season record. He said he was let down last year when many players did not participate in the playoff tournament. He encouraged all players this year to participate in the tournament because it decides the champion of the league.

Students and faculty can still sign-up by today to play in whichever tennis league they desire for $5 per person. Players can play in both the singles and doubles leagues, but would be required to pay an additional $5.

McCallum said that Rec Sports has changed its way of thinking over the last couple of years.

"(Rec Sports) is trying to get rid of the mentality of offering only popular American sports like football, soccer and basketball. That's why we created the tennis league - to cater to other people," he said.

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Football: New Mexico next up

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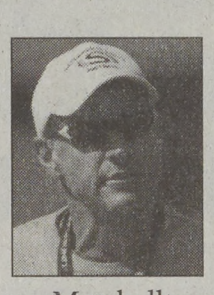
offense, a huge improvement from the week before.

"I feel a lot more confident," redshirt freshman quarterback Jason Smith said. "I'm starting to develop a good relationship with my receivers and starting to feel more comfortable with the line as well."

New Mexico lost its first game of the season to University of Texas at El Paso 10-6, but then bounced back against New Mexico State, winning the rivalry 44-34. Last week against Arizona, the Lobos squeaked out a win 29-27.

"New Mexico is a very good football team," Sac State coach Marshall Sperbeck said. "They look better than Fresno State, so our work is going to be cut out for us."

"We feel positive," junior running back Torrell Baker said. "We treat every team the same. Three games away from home and the adverse conditions we've experienced on the road are only going to prepare us more for this game."



Marshall Sperbeck

Smith, wide receiver Ryan Coogler and running back Travon Jones will have to have another solid performance as well as the offensive line. The Lobos are giving up 333 yards per game passing, so the Hornets will have a chance to air it out a little bit and test New Mexico's defensive backfield.

On the Lobos' offensive side of the ball, they fall back on the strength of their senior running back Rodney Ferguson. After three games, he is averaging 114 yards a contest and is a candidate this year for the Doak Walker Award.

"We will have all packages in and be blitzing a lot," Webber said.

The Lobos can put it in the air too — Donovan Porterie threw for three TD's against Arizona and passed for 327 yards. After three games, the Lobos average 433 total yards per contest. The Hornets will have to contend with that high power on both sides of the ball to shut down the Lobos.

"We can play with D-1 schools," senior defensive end Blaine Jackson said. "We have the athletes and we definitely have the heart. We're not scared, and we play to win."

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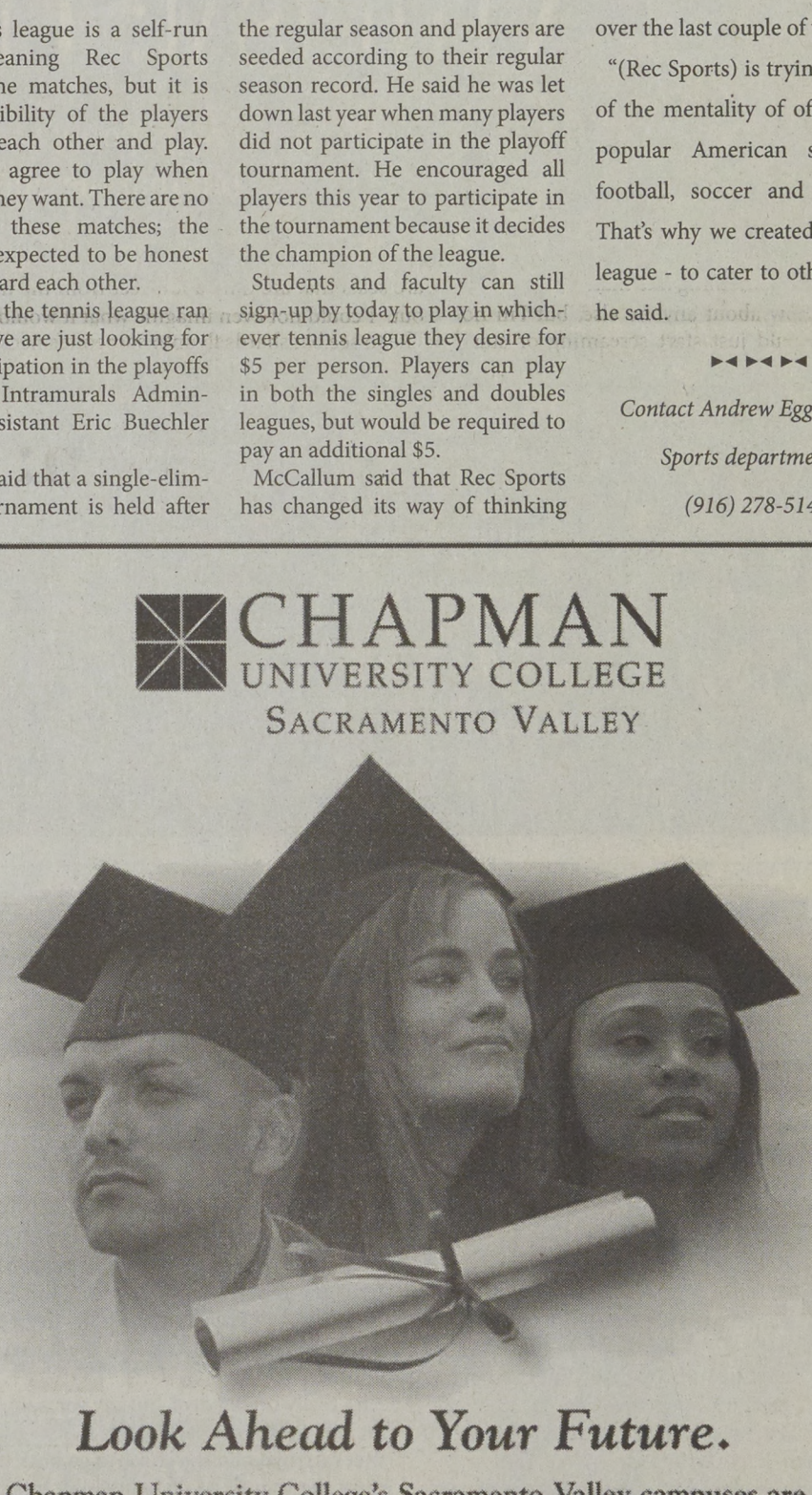
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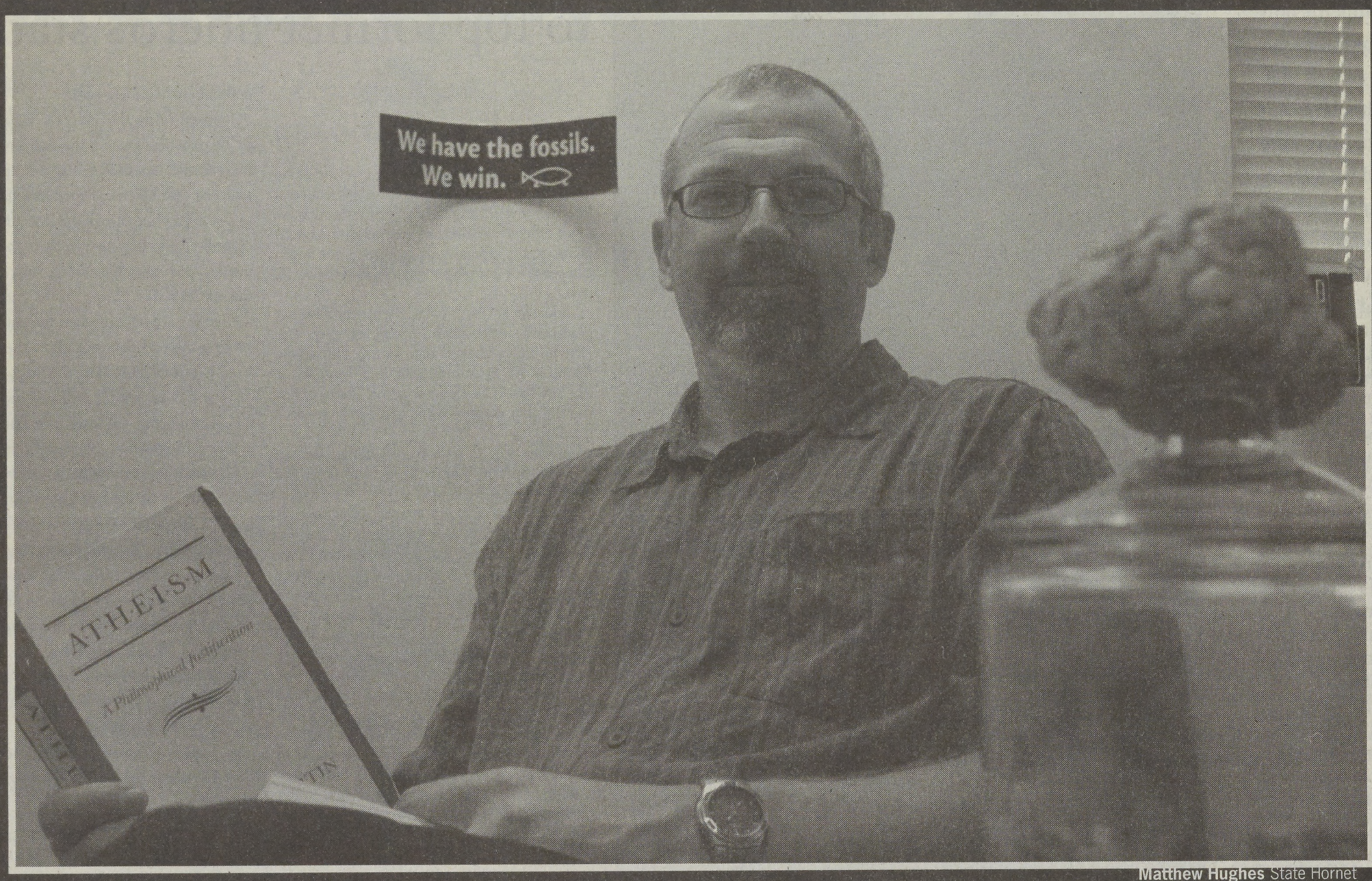
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Matthew Hughes State Hornet

Matthew McCormick's atheism seminar is offered at Sacramento State for the first time. "If a philosophy class isn't making you uncomfortable, it's not doing its job," he said.

ATHEISM: TEACHING A TABOO

Professor says people who do not believe in a God are shunned, but that the class topic is a vital, societal issue.

BY KATE JONES
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He's a father, a husband and a writer. But he's also tackling a taboo subject at a university: atheism.

"If a philosophy class isn't making you uncomfortable, it's not doing its job." said Matthew McCormick, an associate professor of philosophy.

McCormick is teaching the first atheism class ever offered at Sacramento State. And the topic, he said, makes some uncomfortable, even hateful.

"Some recent polls show that atheists are the most reviled people in American society, even more than homosexuals and minority groups… That all suggests that we've got some irrational and dangerous commitments surrounding the topic of God," McCormick said.

The word atheist is defined as "someone who asserts that there is no such being as God" according to The Presumption of Atheism by Anthony Flew, an article from postiveatheism.com. The Association of Religion Data Archives at thearda.com states that nonreligious people make up for 9.26 percent of the U.S. population.

McCormick takes on this controversial topic with his own no-nonsense style, high energy and motivation, in hopes that students will understand the importance of studying atheism today.

McCormick said that one of his students taking the atheism class told his friend he was in the class, and his friend just took a big step back.

McCormick is not a radical preacher of atheism who goes around screaming "There is no God" trying to scare his students and convert them to athe-

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"… There's just nothing that could matter more for people personally, socially, morally and philosophically."

Matthew McCormick, associate professor

University's oldest Estelle goin'

BY LANA SAIPAIA
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How many Sacramento State students can say they have lived through the majority of the 20th century and are now studying its historical context as an undergraduate? Estelle Rees Arroyo can.

How many Sac State students can say they are 90 years old? Well, Rees Arroyo can.

She is the only student who can say that out of nearly 30,000 others enrolled this semester, she is the oldest student on campus, according to Sac State Public Affairs Office.

Age is nothing but a number when it comes to Rees Arroyo and her drive to learn.

"What motivates me is that I mustn't fail," said Rees Arroyo. "My husband used to joke with me and say 'Estelle, you never finish anything you've started.' So I wanted to go back and finish my degree in history."

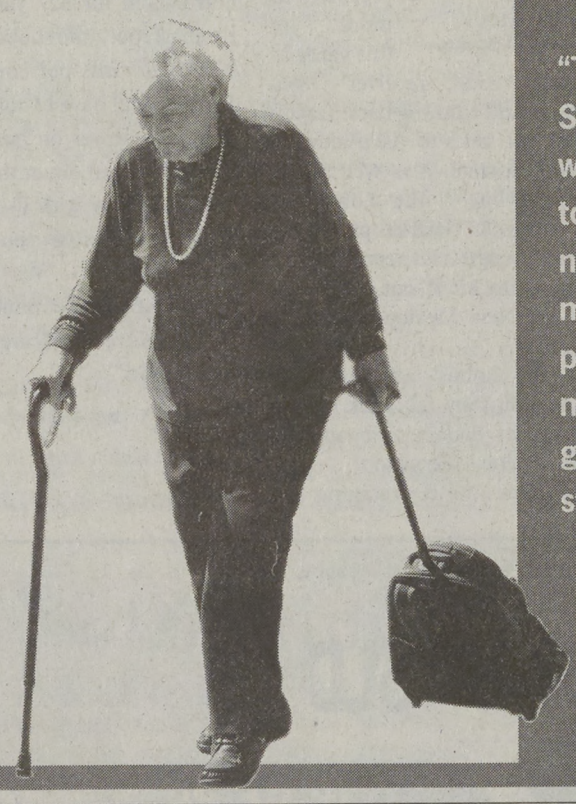
Although she is ambitious, Rees Arroyo remains modest.

"It's really no big deal, but my son said 'Yeah mom, but at 90 it is!'" she said.

Rees Arroyo said she chose to go back to school because she wanted to do something interesting while keeping her mind and body active.

"I found I was looking at too much TV and thought it to be a good idea to get more active and learn

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"The Ellen DeGeneres Show called me and wanted me to miss class to do her show, but I said no. The publicity doesn't mean much to me; (the public) won't remember me next week, but my grades will count and stand."

Estelle Rees Arroyo



Joleen Vincent State Hornet

Judy Leipsic, co-owner of Hula's Dog Bar and Grill, serves a margarita on Sept. 13. It is the second eatery on campus to serve alcoholic beverages.

Aloha! Campus eatery re-opening

BY ONEIKA RICHARDSON
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Passion, dedication and some delicious food. Those are the three ingredients of Hula's Bar and Grill formerly known as Hula Dog, according to owner Reggie Leipsic.

Located in the Riverfront Center, students will be surprised to know that the menu is more than just hot dogs.

Hula's Bar and Grill, located by the Riverfront center on the Sacramento State campus, will be having a grand opening celebration on Sept. 24 at 4 p.m., in light of it's new name, formerly known as Hula Dog and it's new menu item, alcohol.

But that's not what set's the business apart, according to Leipsic. The business is known for the passionate people that love what they do, Leipsic said.

The celebration will have plates of buffalo wings or a slices of pizza and students can enjoy the new 60-inch plasma television, Leipsic said. Hula's Bar and Grill now plays Monday Night Football also, he said.

For the three years that Hula's Bar and Grill has been on campus, it has consistently received high marks from the University Dining Services, but Leipsic and wife, Judy, said they are dedicated to bringing good food to the students of Sac State.

Leipsic said Hula's Bar and Grill has certainly grown from the cart outside the Riverfront Center selling New York style hot dogs to the restaurant you see today. If you like your pizza with a little bit of East Coast flavor, the business sells New York style pizza to go with the hot dogs, he said.

"The pizza was doing so well that we now have a full-time pizza maker tossing the dough by hand," Leipsic said.

When Leipsic first thought about introducing New York style pizza to the menu, he started handing free sample slices of the pizza he had made in the kitchen and the reviews were excellent.

So excellent that Sacramento Mag-

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Oldest: Able to give insight to topics discussed in classes

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something I didn't already know," she said.

Rees Arroyo has a lot to keep her busy with nine units. The classes she is taking are Modern European History, History of Modern Greece and California History. She said she is happy with her classes and about a subject that isn't just textbook-based, but full of her own personal accounts and experiences.

"History – particularly American, is what I'm most interested in," she said. "I find, for instance, 1945 to present U.S. history to be quite fascinating."

Rees Arroyo is also considering a minor in Middle East and Islamic Studies.

"I've lived in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Lebanon. I felt very safe there; the Arabs have a terrific idea of hospitality," Rees Arroyo said. "Americans had no reason to not feel safe while we were there. As the king said in Saudi Arabia, we were guests of the country. To this day I am fascinated by the area."

A native of Berkeley, Rees Arroyo was born April 29, 1917. That means she was 31 when Sac State awarded its first diploma to a graduating class of one on June 3, 1948, Kim Nava of Sac State's Public Affairs Office said.

Interestingly enough, the university's first graduate, John Collins, was also a history major when he received his degree. However, he was 23 years old, not 90, Nava said.

"In those days, I was in Panama working as a secretary at Army Headquarters in the Canal Zone," Rees Arroyo said.

This travel experience has no doubt given her an added perspective in her classes.

"I really appreciate her being able to give insight on what is taught in class," said Katerina Lagos, Rees Arroyo's professor in History 101, History of Modern Greece.

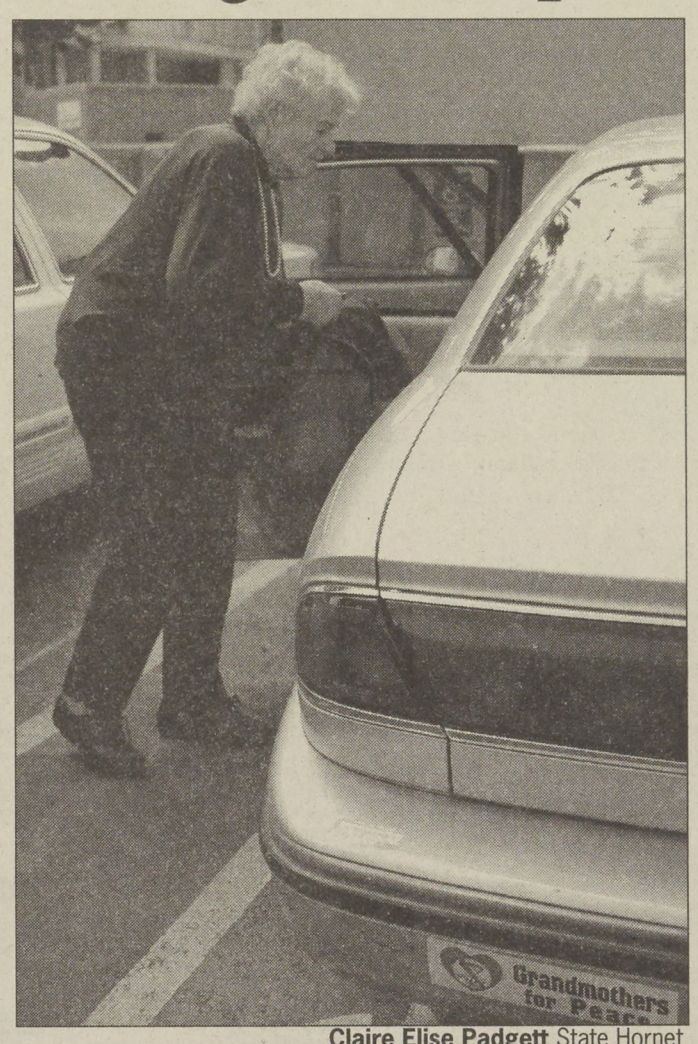
"She's not scared to ask questions and volunteer answers," Lagos said. "No book, no movie, no other primary source could be a better example than someone who lived it."

The different viewpoint that Rees Arroyo brings gives history a personal touch.

"Older students are always very interesting," said Martin Secker, the Sac State history professor teaching Rees Arroyo about modern European history. "They bring personal perspectives."

Rees Arroyo said that her classes are relevant.

"I told Professor Secker I'm so interested in this course because I lived through it, therefore I think I talk too much," Rees Arroyo said. "It's just that I find almost everything my professors say reminds me of something I've been through."



Claire Elise Padgett State Hornet

Estelle Rees Arroyo puts her backpack into her car as she prepares to drive home after a day of classes on Sept. 13.

Rees Arroyo recalled some of the more memorable moments in history.

"I was there before the (Berlin) Wall came down at 'Checkpoint Charlie' where East and West Germans were divided," Rees Arroyo said. "I remember a young East German soldier looked both ways, knelt down, and waved his hat at us. It wasn't in anger, but to this day I'm not sure what it meant. It was a human moment between us."

Her family is just as excited as she is about going back to school.

"I think it's great that she's going to be (at) my alma mater," said Paul Arroyo, Rees Arroyo's son who attended Sac State from 1972 to 1974 and received a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

"I've supported her from the beginning," said Arroyo. "She's the most intrepid woman I know. Nothing seems to scare her."

Arroyo said he wonders what his mom plans to do after graduating.

"I joked with her and said 'So mom you're going on to pursue your bachelors, what career path are you on?'"

Rees Arroyo isn't exactly sure what she will do after graduating, but said she is interested in mentoring or tutoring other students.

"Maybe I could offer some advice to students who are younger than I am – like the ones who are in their 60s and 70s," Rees Arroyo said. "I'd like to inspire them to continue with their education."

Sac State students take notice of the 90-year-old woman in a purple shirt decorated with a pearl necklace which dangles from her neck as she carefully walks with her cane in one hand and pulls her backpack on wheels just slightly behind.

"I enjoy the diversity of the student body and the professors such that I know are very good," Rees Arroyo said. "I walk slowly, but the people are still very friendly."

"Good for her," said Andrew Santoro, Sac State senior english major. "I think it adds more perspective (to) the value of education and personal benefits. It sheds light on a lot of the reasons why (younger students) go to school – we do it for money."

Santoro said Rees Arroyo probably doesn't share the same motives in getting her degree as her younger schoolmates. From that there is much to be learned.

Despite the recent media coverage on campus, Rees Arroyo said she remains focused on her classes.

"The Ellen DeGeneres Show called me and wanted me to miss class to do her show, but I said no. The publicity doesn't mean much to me; (the public) won't remember me next week, but my grades will count and stand," she said.

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Hula: Second place on campus to serve alcoholic drinks

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azine has caught on and will be listing the business as one of the best pizzas in town.

Philly Cheesesteaks, pretzels, and fresh, homemade tamales also round out Hula's menu. For a student on the go, you can get a huge slice of New York style pizza with a large drink for under $5, Leispic said.

Leipsic said he likes to keep his restaurant up to par. So much so that he received the Reward of Excellence from the State Health Department. Hula's has received a perfect score in the last three years, Leipsic said.

Leipsic said Hula's Bar and Grill maintains and specializes in the best sausages from different regions of the country. "Our kosher all-beef dog comes from New York," Leipsic said.

Hula's Bar and Grill is a well-known, campus favorite according to some students. The addition of alcohol adds to the variety it already has, Leipsic said. It will be the second eatery on campus to serve alcohol, besides Round Table pizza in the University Union.

Now students can now choose from 10 different types of beer on tap, wine, and margaritas as well as smoothies and coffee, he said. Hula's Bar and Grill also offers specialty beer in the bottle, he said.

The name Hula Dog originated from Leipsic. He said he spent half of his life living in Honolulu, Hawaii. The island motif can be seen everywhere from the condiments stand to the little umbrellas placed in the smoothies, he said.

The story of the business' name change and alcohol introduction to the Riverfront Center was because staff and students continued to ask for beer after the disappearance of The Pub, the Riverfront's former name, which use to serve alcohol about 20 years ago.

The school ended up approaching Leipsic and lended their full support about selling alcoholic beverages at Hula's Bar and Grill.

But Leipsic said he is not about competition. "I feel I didn't want Hula's Bar and Grill to compete," Leipsic said. "I'd rather have students to have another choice."

Katherine Thach, an undeclared sophomore, doesn't think there will be any direct competition because of the variety of the different types of food served.

Even with all the recent changes, Leipsic said he and his wife still remain humble. They said they treat their business much like a mom and pop business instead of a franchise.

"Hula's Bar and Grill's philosophy is to treat everyone like family," Leipsic said. The regulars often refer to Leipsic and his wife as dad and mom.

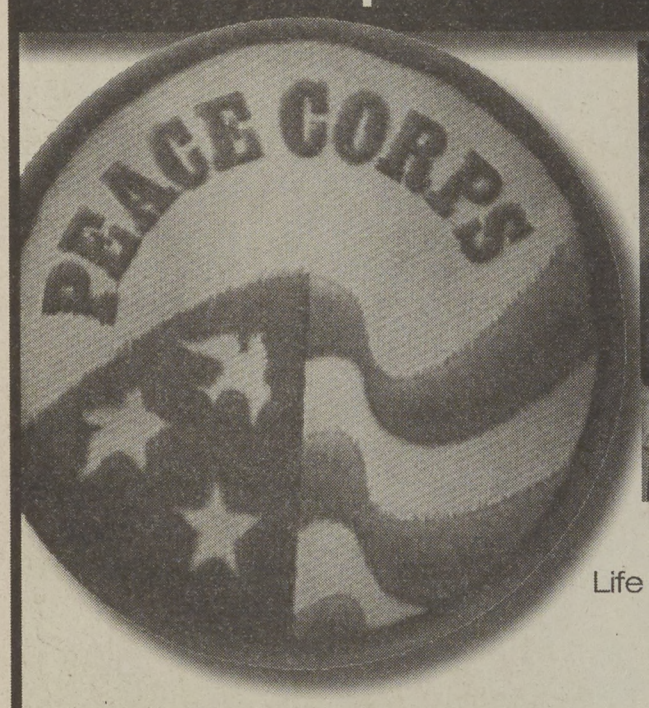
That is what the Leipsics feel continue to set Hula's Bar and Grill apart from the other eateries on campus. They said they have passion about what they do.

Hula's Bar and Grill caters to its students, faculty and staff, Monday through Thursday 7a.m. to 9:30 p.m. and Fridays 7a.m. to 2a.m.

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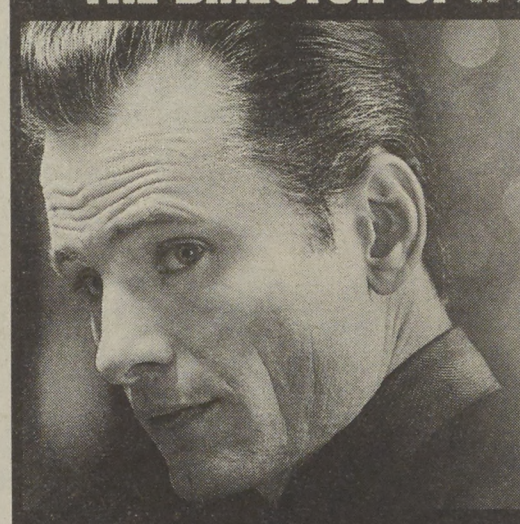
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Atheism: Instructor's style admired by colleagues, students

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ism. McCormick proclaimed himself an atheist at age 16, but he said he's not going to try to convert students to the belief. "Conversion is not the goal," he said.

He took the initiative to write the proposal for his new atheism class, even though he says he did get "a few raised eyebrows" along the way. Philosophy Chair Thomas Pyne, a colleague and a church-goer, said "I was for it (the class)...it's certainly a live issue right now."

Although McCormick is teaching a controversial subject, he still describes his department and students as being very supportive.

Steve Owen, a senior philosophy and English major, has taken four classes with McCormick and said that although McCormick has his own opinions on things, he's not biased.

"Sometimes I want him to hit hard on something that I believe in, but he doesn't. He has a strong opinion, but he is so objective in class that you don't really get a sense of it. He makes jokes, but he stays very objective," Owen said.

McCormick is not your typical philosophy teacher; after speaking with him for just a few minutes you might get the impression that he would be ready to jump into a philosophical debate at any hour of the day, and that he could master either side of the argument.

"What he is very good at, is how to conduct disagreement on a very high level without becoming enemies," Pyne said.

Even though McCormick is personable with his students, both students and faculty agree that he demands a lot of hard work in his difficult courses. At the same time, students said they seek him out as a professor because he gives them inspiration.

For some, McCormick is the reason they majored in philosophy.

Pam Dunker, a philosophy major went out of her way to take classes from McCormick.

"I used to be an art major, but I would still take philosophy classes to have him as a teacher," she said. Dunker also mentioned the satisfactory feeling from receiving a good grade in his class, because he is a difficult grader and she knew she earned it.

He has written several articles that have been published in anthologies. He also has a blog at atheismblog.blogspot.com. McCormick said he is currently working on a book called "Atheism: Proving the negative."

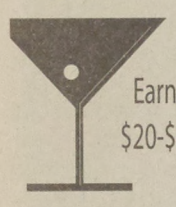
McCormick cannot think of a bigger question of whether or not God exists.

"There's just nothing that could matter more for people personally, socially, morally and philosophically," McCormick said.

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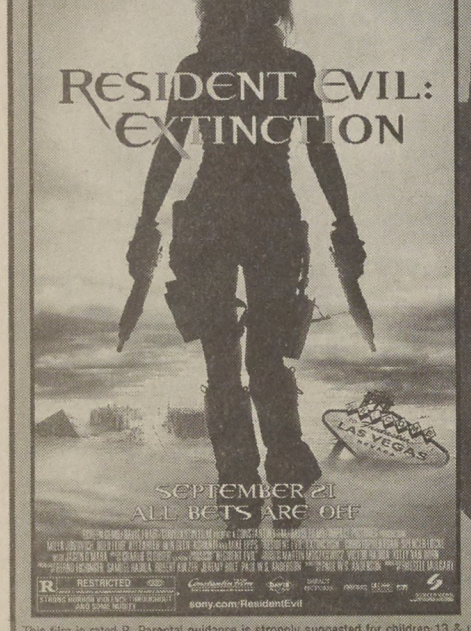
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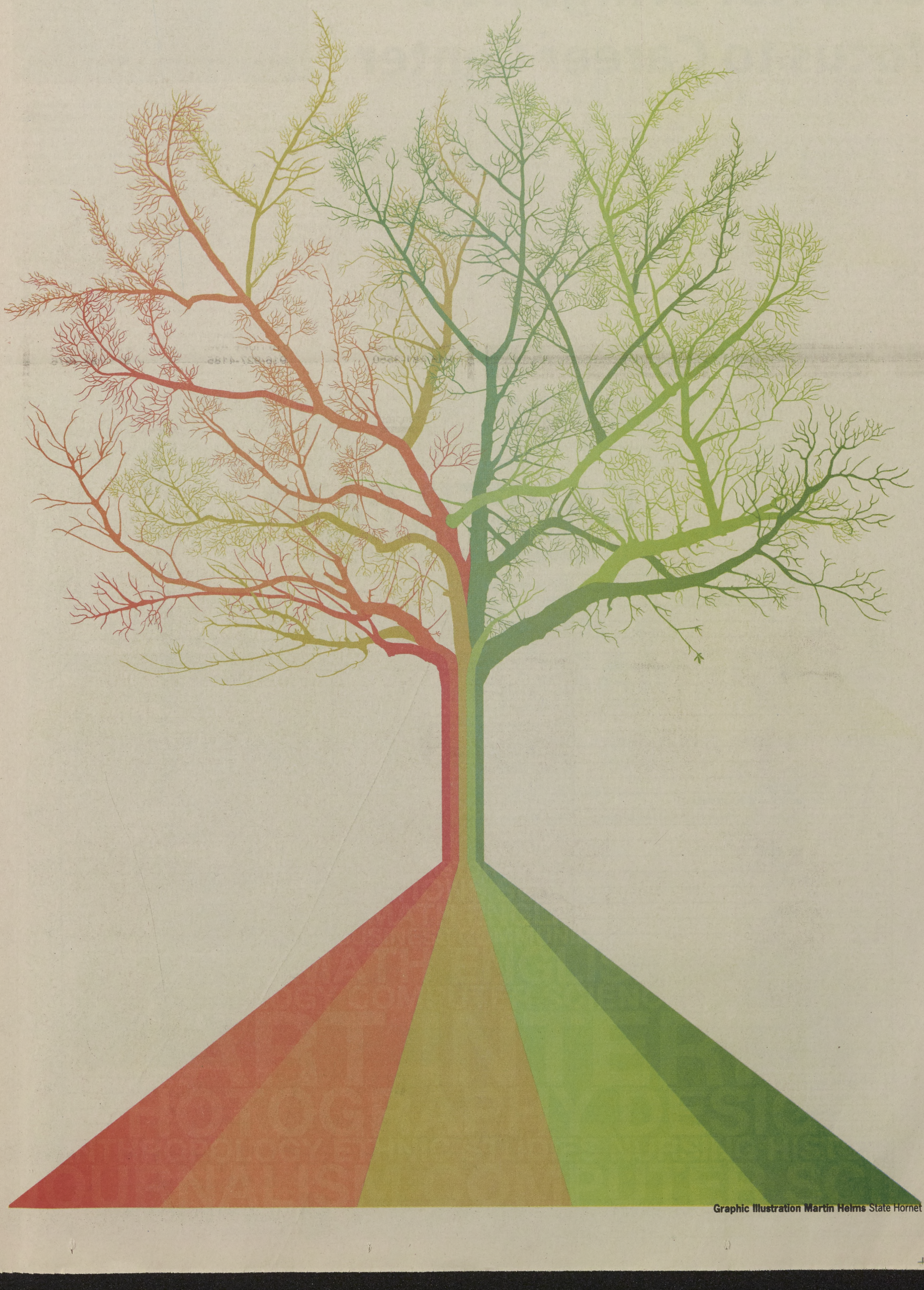
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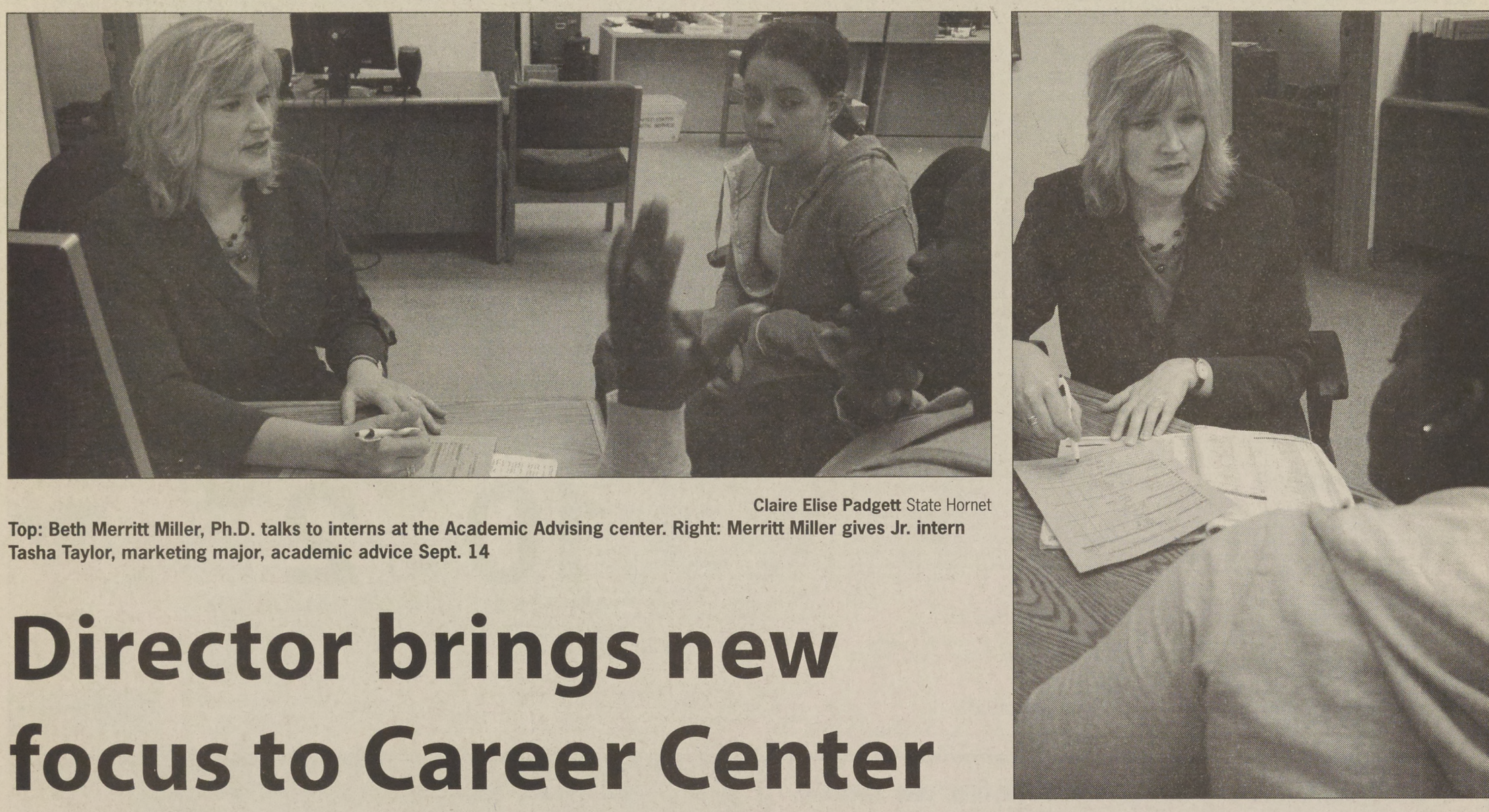
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Top: Beth Merritt Miller, Ph.D. talks to interns at the Academic Advising center. Right: Merritt Miller gives Jr. intern Tasha Taylor, marketing major, academic advice Sept. 14

Director brings new focus to Career Center

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As a college student, Beth Merritt Miller flirted with the idea of majoring in pre-physical therapy before deciding upon economics.

She eventually graduated with her bachelor's degree from South Dakota State with no idea of how she wanted to apply it later in life.

However, there was something in college that decided her career path for her.

"I was a (resident adviser) in college and I loved it," Merritt Miller said. "I was talking to my hall director one time and I said, 'You know if I could be in college for the rest of my life I would love it.'"

Realizing that she could make a career out of it, Merritt Miller went on to be a hall director at both Chico State and Fresno State University. While working on her doctorate at the University of Iowa she was in charge of a building, which held nearly 1,100 students.

"By that point I knew I was going to stay in higher education," she said.

After graduating, Merritt Miller worked as an Assistant Director of Engineering Career Services at the University of Iowa, and later was an Honors Councilor and the Coordinator of Prestige Scholarships and Fellowships at UC Davis. She came to Sacramento State seven years ago, however her switch to the director of the Career Center and Academic Advising is a relatively new development.

"This has been a good fit for me because I get to do career plus I get to do academic advising...in two areas that I really like and enjoy," she said.

Merritt Miller said the diversity of her studies and positions is what makes her an ideal candidate for her positions.

"I think it's the breadth of my experience in Student Affairs," Merritt Miller said. "I think I have a good big-picture perspective of how things work."

Merritt Miller's colleagues said that her perspective is invaluable to the Career Center.

"I think she is a visionary, that she sees what the needs are of the Career Center and then she implements changes and new ideas," Recruitment Manager Eva Gabbe said.

This eagerness to embrace variation is something other people notice.

"She is not afraid of change, and is willing to try new things if it will improve service to students," Associate Director of Academic Advising Kathryn Palmieri said.

Another part of what makes Merritt Miller succeed at her jobs is her way of approaching students. She said she not only helps advise them and give them career options, but also aims to fulfill their basic desires.

"Students need personal contact to stay engaged," she said.

This need is, in part, one of the reasons why all incoming freshmen are subject to mandatory advising. This requirement includes orientation, 30-minute appointments in the Fall and Spring and long-range planning, which Merritt Miller said is the career component.

"Students overwhelmingly found it extremely useful," she said.

Those who work with her said Merritt Miller's interaction skills aren't limited to students.

"She listens a lot," Internship Manager Candace McGee said. "She's very down-to-earth, she's very straight-forward, there's no guessing about her. She's clear."

In addition to providing direction and purpose to those under her, she also treats them as equals.

"She's not a micro-manager," Gabbe said. "She respects her team and gives us the freedom to make things happen."

While Merritt Miller does not have much contact with students, she is always meeting with people to build partnerships in the community that will benefit the university and its students. The biggest event she works on is the Career Fair, which will take place on Sept. 26 in the University Union. It will feature more than 100 companies, all of which are looking to hire students in their respective fields.

The Career Fair is the biggest event the Career Center organizes, but it is certainly not the only one.

In the fall semester, a variety of events take place to help students prepare themselves to find jobs after college. Among these are mock interviews, which provide practice for students who want to improve upon their interviewing skills. Another prospect is Resumania, where students can bring their resumes and get advice from professionals about what criteria they look for on an applicant's resume and what they can improve upon.

Additional and more specialized opportunities for job-seekers include the Internship, Coop and Job Fair on Oct. 24 for those interested in internship possibilities, and the Government Employment Career Fair on Oct. 31 for students looking to work for any city, county, state or federal agency.

Merritt Miller, who is married and has a young son, said her eventual objective is to be the dean of students at a university.

For now however, she is content to focus on short-term goals, including co-locating the Career Center and Academic Advising offices, so that they can provide "one stop service" to students.

"I love my job and I do work with great people," she said.

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CAREER POSSIBILITIES FROM STUDYING ABROAD

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For the third year in a row, Sacramento State students have been invited to participate in a paid teaching program at the Chitralada Royal Palace School in Bangkok, Thailand.

Communication Studies Professor Thomas Knutson said he believes the experience is invaluable for students, as it will prepare them for life in the "global village." He said students will not only learn to appreciate other cultures, but will gain a new understanding and appreciation of their own.

"Students today will meet more people from other countries than anyone in the history of the world," Knutson said. "It's important that they learn to get along and relate with people from different cultures."

Knutson said that if accepted, students will be expected to teach English at the school for at least one year. He said students will receive a monthly salary of $400, plus room and board.

Students will receive all necessary teaching equipment and supplies, as well as a personal translator.

Knutson said a student participant can apply six workable units toward his or her degree. He said he believes Thailand is a special country and an excellent place to study global communication.

"The paramount of Thailand is social harmony…a condition that can benefit anyone who visits," Knutson said.

Knutson said students will also receive diplomatic protection from H.M. King Bhumibol Adulyadej, which is seen as a huge honor in the Thai culture. He said King Adulyadej is the longest reigning monarch in history and is as loved by his people as Queen Elizabeth was during her rule in England.

Knutson said this is significant, as the Chitralada Royal Palace School was previously open only to royalty.

Communications Studies senior Dwight Turner, who was part of the first group to go in 2005, recently returned from Bangkok.

Turner said he enjoyed the experience so much he stayed in Bangkok for an extra five months. He said his experience in Thailand was "incredible and eye opening" and he suggested that students take advantage of the program, especially those who have a desire to study abroad but cannot afford to do so.

"It was kind of hard at first to be away from family and friends, to start from scratch in a foreign country, but now I can put on my resume that I've taught a year of English," he said.

Turner said he is almost fluent in both reading and speaking Thai, and although he does not have plans to return to the school to teach he would love to visit.

English major Megan Lane said she is serious about applying and thinks it would be an excellent decision to join the program next year. She said her dream is to teach English in a foreign country.

Lane spent two weeks in Costa Rica in a Spanish immersion program and said she was able to pick up the language rather quickly.

"You can learn more about a culture and language by being in that country for two weeks than you can by studying it for four years," Lane said.

Another reason Lane said she was going to apply is because it is completely paid for, a quality that sets this experience apart from other abroad programs.

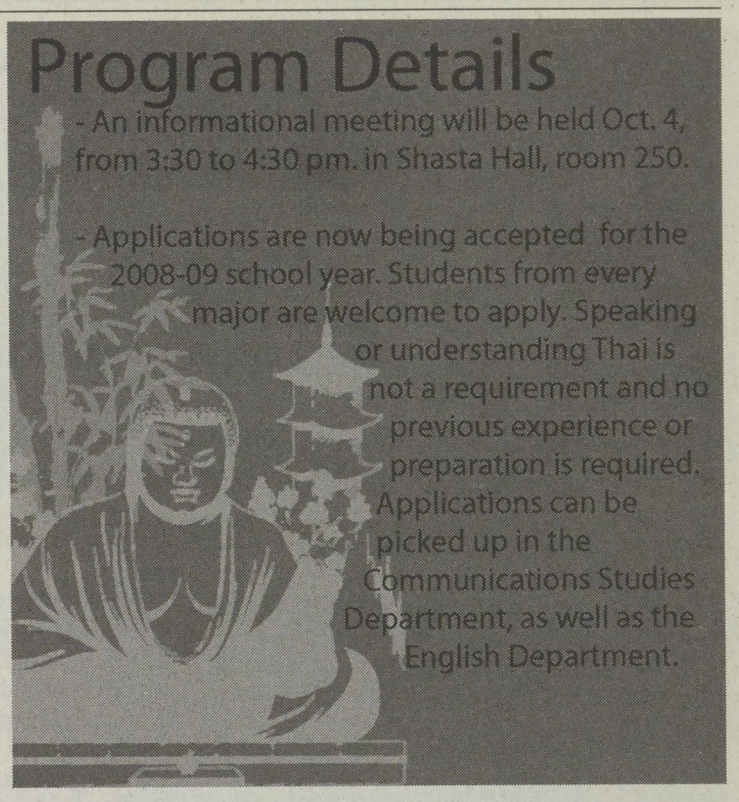
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Thomas Knutson
Communication Studies Professor

"I think this would be a once in a lifetime opportunity," Lane said. " It's hard when you really want to study abroad but you don't have $4,000 to do so. This is different… it would allow me to teach and study at the same time."

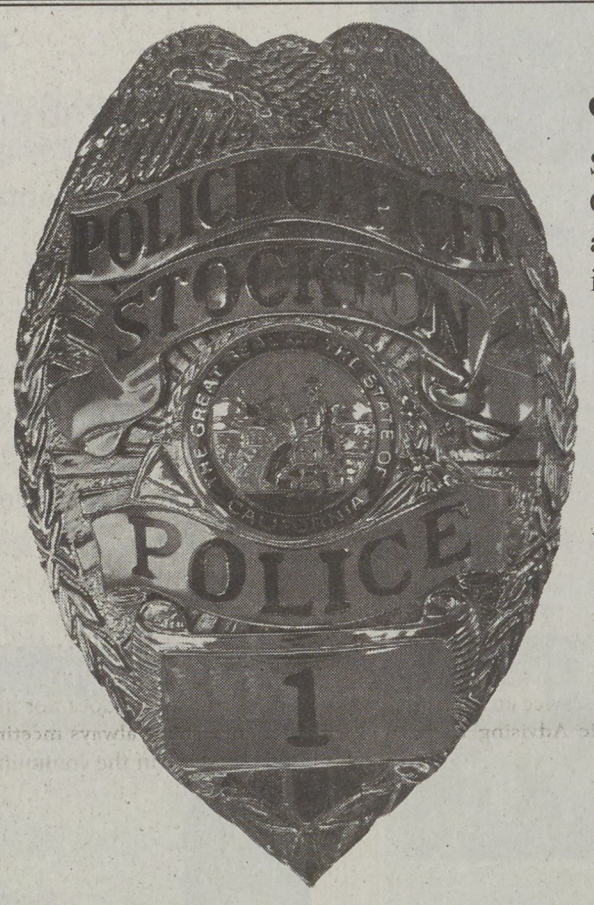
Knutson said each Sac State group has displayed great success at the school, which is a key reason the Chitralada officials requested their return.

"The successes of our Sacramento State students in Thailand genuinely display the value of a Sacramento State education," Knutson said.



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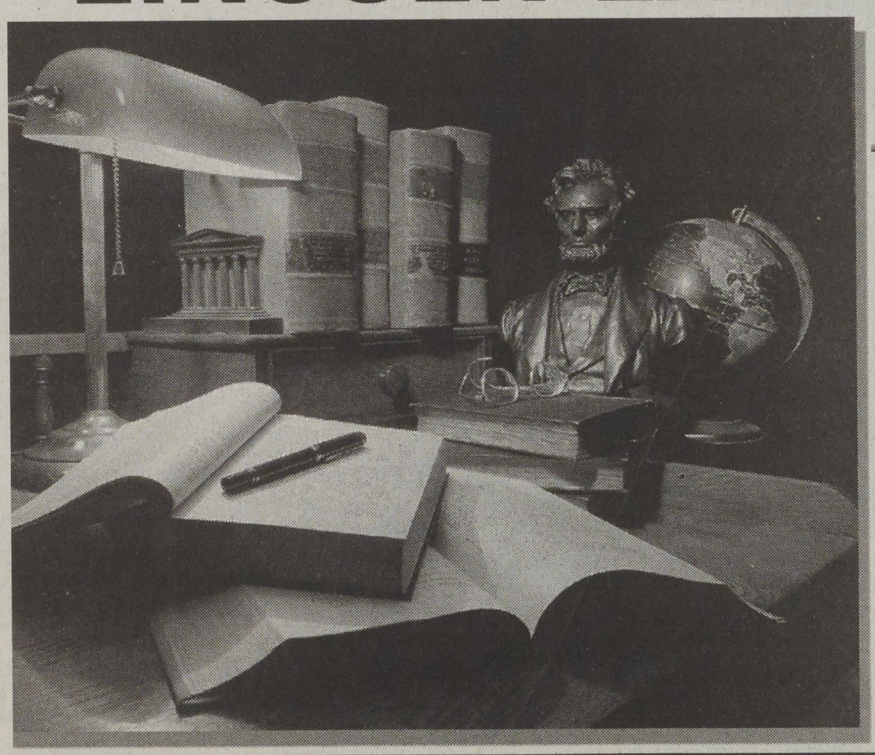
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Students talk about experiences of moving away from home for school, from teddy bears to roomates.

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As students lay their heads down to rest, an uncertain feeling might come over them as they catch a glimpse of a complete stranger several feet away, snoring ridiculously loud. Right about now, the tightest of living quarters would make a closet feel welcoming.

The narrow rooms that are being described are the Sacramento State dormitories. Sac State dorm rooms have been described by some as compact, and students are sharing stories of their rooming experiences and being away from home and their parents for the first time.

For some freshmen and even some upperclassmen, being away from home is the freedom they have been waiting for since they first heard, "If you are living in my house, you will obey my rules," said junior nursing major Blessing Nnoruka. Well, not anymore.

"Getting used to living with a stranger you never met a day in your life can be sort of scary," Nnoruka said.

There are exceptions where roommates will hit it off like if they've known each other for all their lives, such as the case with freshman kinesiology major Vertis Wilson and his Sutter Hall roommate. He said he adapted quickly to his first living arrangements in college.

Wilson said Sutter Hall is cool because there is freedom. He said he does not have a specific time he has to go to bed so he can stay up as long as he wants.

Living with another person has also contributed to Wilson's positive attitude because he said he and his roommate get along, sharing things like the televi-

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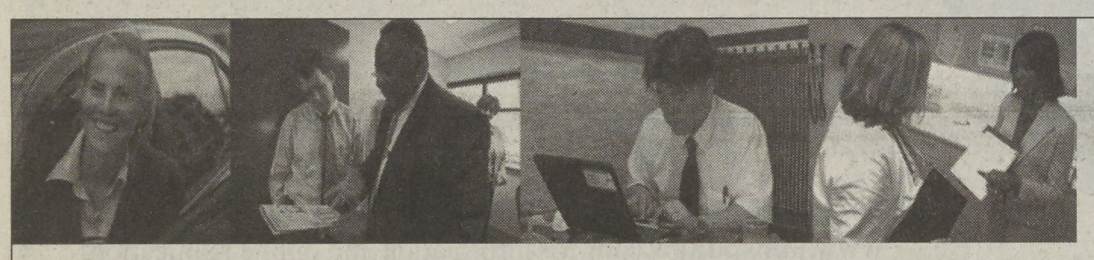


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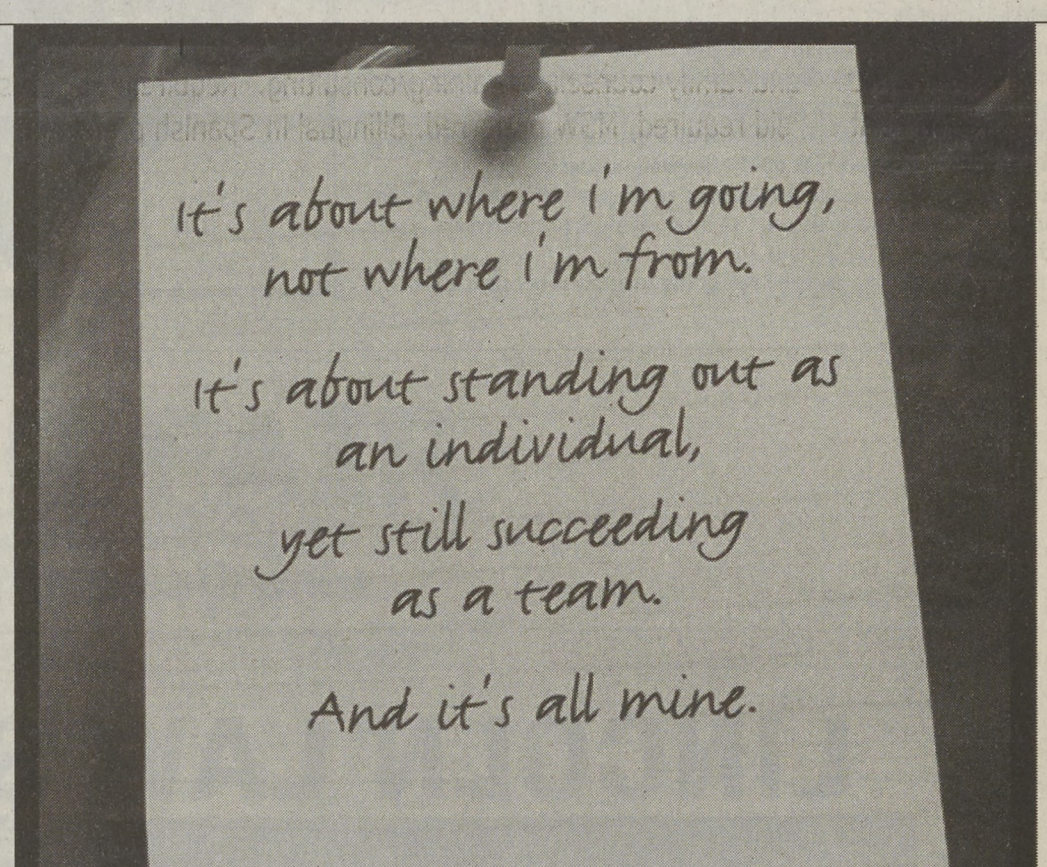
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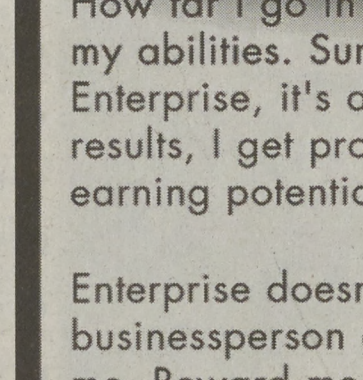


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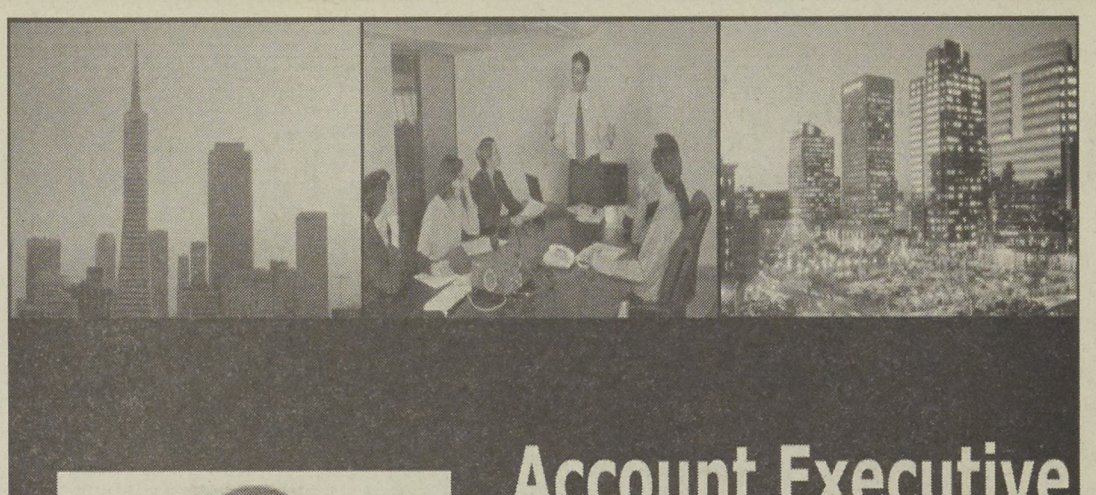
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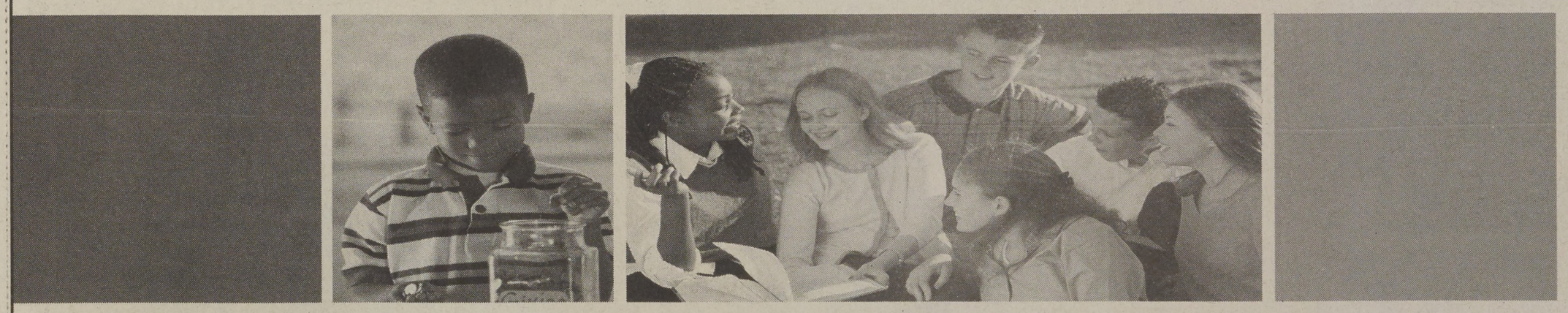
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DORMS: A STEP BEFORE NEXT STEP

Dorms: Students make a home away from home

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sion, refrigerator and microwave.

Students who live in the residence halls have also found ways to make their dorm rooms feel more like home, even though they like the thought of being away.

Wilson said he makes his room more home-like by bringing some pictures to hang by his bed. He said he brought a couple of pictures of when he was in high school and some pictures of his family.

Wilson also said he can go home whenever he wants since he is from Richmond, which is about an hour away.

Freshman communications major Jasmine Marie finds comfort and a close-to-home feel in her teddy bear that she has had since she was 5 years old.

Freshman business major Rudy Saenz said the way he deals with feeling closer to home is inviting his best friend to hang out with him at his dorm room, usually after a meal in the Dining Commons.

Saenz said it is a little easier for him because he is from Sacramento and can go home whenever he wants.

"Now we are headed to my room to get on my PlayStation 2. It is cool having him close by, just if I want to kick it," Saenz said.

Some students have not even thought about missing home.

Marie, who is living in a single bedroom in Sierra Hall, said she loves and cares for her parents, but missing them has not yet crossed her mind.

She said the reason is because her parents live in the Bay Area, so they can visit her whenever they miss her.

Some students even moved hours away to get out of their parents' house.

Nnoruka said she moved seven hours from Los Angeles to get away from her parents and she loves it.

"This is the reason why I came all this way - to get away from my parents and be free to stay up how late I want and go out when I like," she said.

Nnoruka said she found it easy getting adjusted to living in Sutter Hall. On the first day, she introduced herself to everyone on her floor, she said.

She said she spends most of her time in her room, usually on the Internet.

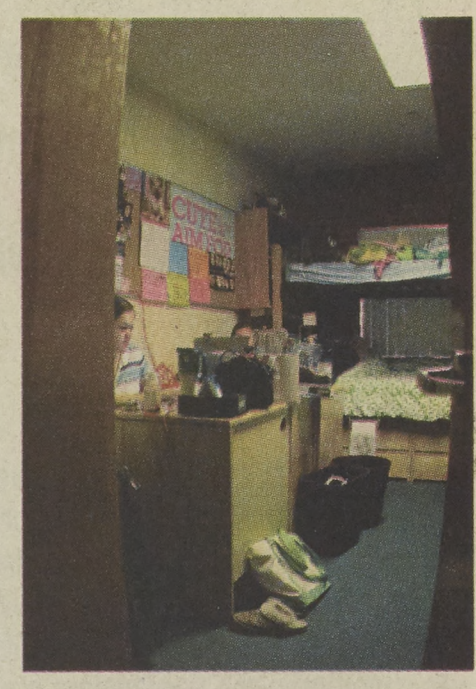
"My roommate is quiet, but when something is interesting, we talk," she said.

As for Marie, she said she does admit that missing home will come soon enough.

"One day, (I) can't say when and can't say why, there might be a feeling that comes (to) me where I get a sudden urge to call home and say, 'I miss you and I love you' to my parents, but today isn't the day," Marie said.

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